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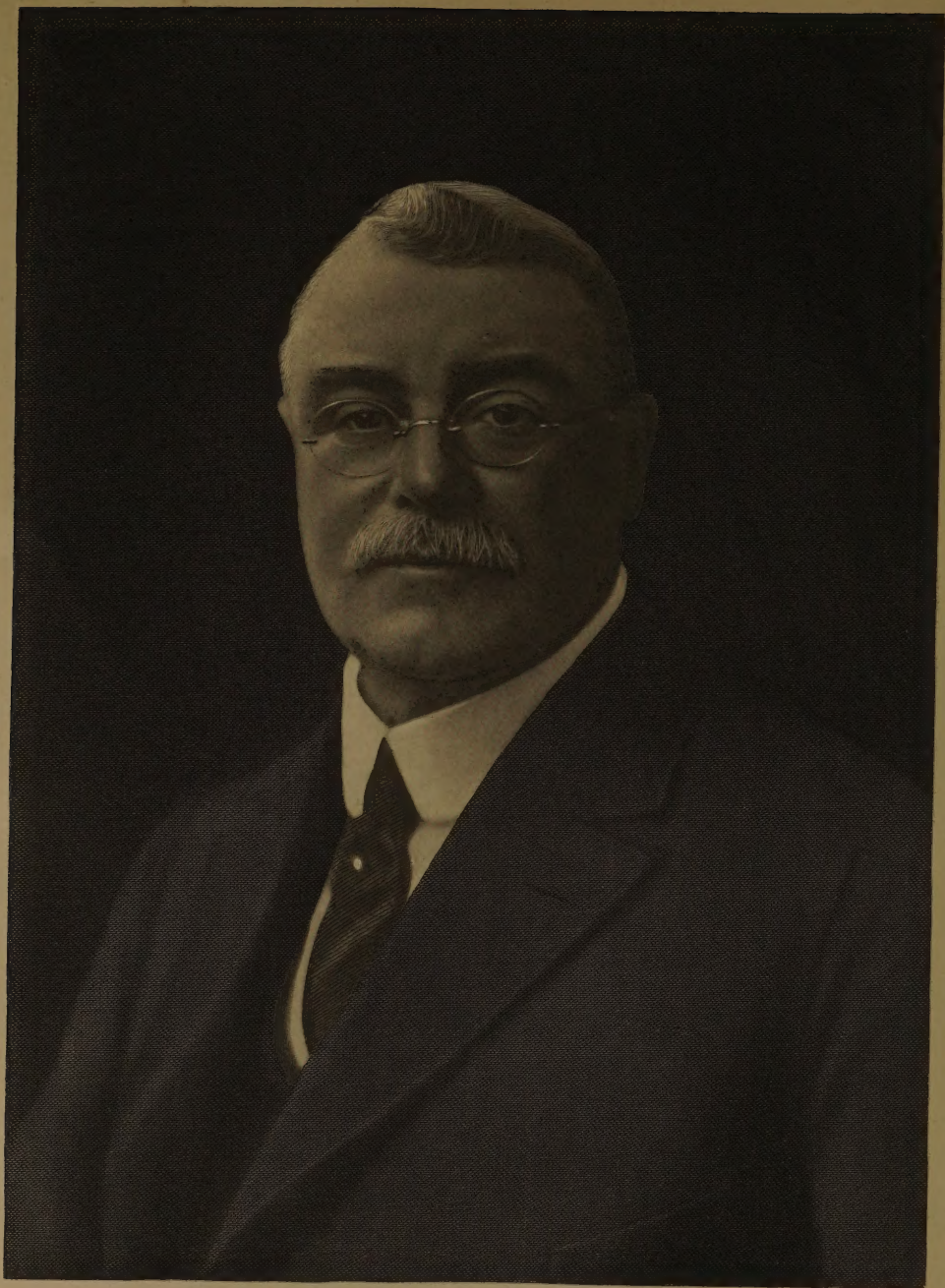












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### **MARRONE, Dominick J.,**

#### **Lawyer, World War Veteran.**

Having practiced his profession of law for the past three years in Hoboken, New Jersey, where he resides, Mr. Marrone is enjoying an ever-increasing clientage and is held in esteem by the natives of Italy in this city who have benefited from his active interest in their behalf. His parents are Caesar and Josephine (Cardenali) Marrone, both of whom are living in Hoboken, where the father is engaged with the business of paper mill supplies.

Dominick J. Marrone was born in Hoboken, New Jersey, June 1, 1894, where he graduated from Public School No. 8 and the high school. Then, for a period of five months he was a medical student in New York University, leaving to enter the New Jersey Law School, at Newark, New Jersey, from which he graduated in 1918 with the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws. In that same year he was admitted to the bar and has been practicing in Hoboken since that time.

In politics Mr. Marrone is a Republican, and fraternally a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is also a member of the Oxford Athletic Association, of Hoboken, and until forced to resign from the pressure of other duties he had been president and organizer of the Italian-American Citizens' League. He was a member of the social and welfare committee of the Elks' Club for two years. He served three months in the United States army at Camp Dix, in the psychological department, and now holds membership in the American Legion, Hoboken Post No. 107. Mr. Marrone is not married.

### **CARLUCCIO, Joseph A.,**

#### **Real Estate Operator.**

One of the energetic and progressive young business men of Hoboken, New

Jersey, is Joseph A. Carluccio, who is an important factor in the real estate and insurance business here. Mr. Carluccio is one of Hoboken's native sons, having been born here March 21, 1897, his parents being John Baptist and Maria Rosa Carluccio, who came from Italy, the land of their birth. His father is engaged in real estate and insurance also.

In acquiring his education Mr. Carluccio attended the public and high schools of Hoboken, and also enjoyed the advantage of private instruction. Before beginning his independent business career, the World War being in progress, he offered his services to his country and was sent to France as a member of the signal corps, and was there from June, 1918, to July, 1919, attached to the telegraph department of general headquarters. Immediately after returning to civil life, in October, 1919, Mr. Carluccio started in the real estate and insurance business for himself at Hoboken, opening his office at No. 68 Hudson street. He numbers among his insurance agencies a list of the best and most substantial companies in the country, including the Alliance Insurance Company; the New Haven Underwriters, or the Security Insurance Company; Importers and Exporters of New York; Indemnity Insurance Company of North America; Scottish Union and National Insurance Company; State Assurance Company, Ltd., and the Liberty Fire Insurance Company of St. Louis. He is one of the best informed insurance writers in the city, and has placed a very large amount of business since he began operations.

In political belief Mr. Carluccio is an Independent. He unsuccessfully contested the 1923 election for office of commissioner for the city of Hoboken. While giving the major part of his time to his business affairs, Mr. Carluccio also takes



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an active part in social, civic and religious affairs, maintaining the broad interests of a progressive citizen. He is a valued member of the Independent Order of Foresters, Lodge No. 74, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and the Holy Name Society, and is a devout communicant of St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church.

On October 23, 1921, at Hoboken, Mr. Carluccio was united in marriage with Livia Ortolano, who was born at Hoboken, January 1, 1900, a daughter of John and Rose Ortolano, both natives of Italy. Mr. and Mrs. Carluccio have one child, John Baptist, whose birth occurred at Hoboken, July 23, 1922.

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### **CURRY, Daniel P.,**

#### **Business Man.**

One of the citizens of West New York, New Jersey, who is prominent in business, financial and civic affairs, is Daniel P. Curry, New Jersey representative of the Burns Bros.' Coal Company; president of the First National Bank of West New York; for many years town collector, and at the present time town treasurer for West New York. Mr. Curry is a native of the town in which he has won the respect and high esteem of his many associates.

Born in West New York, New Jersey, May 19, 1877, Daniel P. Curry attended the public schools of his native city until the time of his graduation from the grammar school, and then continued his studies in the Guttenberg schools until he was fourteen years of age. When his school training was completed he found his first employment with the Burns Bros.' Coal Company, and his connection with that concern has been continuous to the present time (1923). Beginning as a clerk, he thoroughly mastered all the details of the business and was steadily advanced

through various promotions until at the present time he is efficiently filling the responsible position of New Jersey representative of the concern. In addition to his responsibilities in connection with the Burns Bros.' Coal Company, he is one of the organizers, and since December 13, 1921, has been president of the First National Bank of West New York. The bank is located at No. 443 Sixteenth street, and has made a place for itself among the well-established and reliable financial enterprises of Hudson county.

Mr. Curry has always taken an active interest in the public affairs of the community in which he was born and in which the greater part of his active business career has been passed, and he has borne his share of the burden and responsibility of public office. For twelve years, from 1908 to 1920, he served as town collector, and on January 1, 1923, was appointed town treasurer. He is affiliated with the Lions Club and the Auf der Heide Association; and fraternally is a member of the Modern Woodmen of the World and with the Knights of Columbus. He is a baseball enthusiast and a vigorous fan when local teams compete, as well as when the big teams of the country test their skill. His religious interest is with St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, of which he is a communicant.

In West New York, New Jersey, June 15, 1904, Mr. Curry married Catherine Dorney, a native of Long Island, and they are the parents of eight children, all living: Daniel, Walter, Joseph, Gertrude, William, James, Catherine, and Ethel.

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### **PLATOFF, John N.,**

#### **Lawyer, Veteran of World War.**

A veteran of the World War, during which he served as a second lieutenant in



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the Quartermasters' Corps, Mr. Platoff is engaged in the practice of law in the town of Union, New Jersey. He was born at West Hoboken, New Jersey, November 23, 1891, son of Jacob and Mary (Segal) Platoff. While he was still quite young his parents moved to Weehawken, and his boyhood was spent there.

John N. Platoff received his preliminary education in the public schools of Weehawken, and proceeded to the Union Hill High School immediately thereafter, from which he was graduated in 1908. He then proceeded to Cornell University, where he was enrolled as a student in the law school. He completed his professional training at Cornell, spending four years in study and being graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws as a member of the class of 1912. He devoted the next eight months or so to a further study of law, associating himself with the law firm of Brinkerhoff & Fielder. In February, 1913, he was admitted to the New Jersey State bar as an attorney-at-law, and in 1916 was qualified as a counsellor-at-law. Upon being admitted to the bar, Mr. Platoff established himself in an independent practice in the town of Union, where he has continued ever since.

In politics Mr. Platoff is a Democrat. Besides serving the township of Weehawken as township attorney, he holds the office of recorder, and devotes as much of his time as possible to the interests of the community. He is a member of the Hudson County Bar Association; the North Hudson Lawyers' Club; and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which he is a member of Weehawken Lodge. He is also a Mason of long standing, and holds membership in Ezra Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, in the town of Union.

Mr. Platoff married, on February 10,

1921, at Jersey City, Estelle Ganz, daughter of Adolph and Henrietta (Engel) Ganz, and they have a son, Robert Ganz, born February 28, 1923.

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**MAXWELL, Frank William,**

**Real Estate Operator.**

The list of Hudson county's successful real estate dealers would be incomplete without the name of Frank William Maxwell and his brother, William T. Maxwell, both of whom have been engaged in the real estate and insurance business in Jersey City since 1920. The brothers are conducting a very large and successful business and both have made reputations which are valuable business assets.

Charles Maxwell, grandfather of Frank William Maxwell, was born in Ireland and came to this country when he was a young man, settling at once in Jersey City, where Maxwell street is named for him. He and his five sons conducted the Maxwell Company, located on the corner of Maxwell street and Jersey avenue.

William T. Maxwell, father of Frank William and William T. Maxwell, Jr., was born in Jersey City, and there he is now living retired at the age of sixty-five years, after having served on the Jersey City police force for a period of twenty-eight years, during the later years of which he was police lieutenant. He married Mina Brandle, a native of Jersey City, now sixty-two years of age, and they are the parents of eleven children, seven of whom are still living: John; William T., Jr., who was associated with Frank William in the real estate business, and who was born in Jersey City, June 17, 1885, married, November 18, 1904, Julia Moran, and has four children: Florence, Grace, William, and Ruth; Frank William, of further mention; Catherine, who married



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James J. Draper; Charles; Grace, who married William Cummings; and Leonard.

Frank William Maxwell, son of William T. and Mina (Brandle) Maxwell, was born in Jersey City, July 8, 1888, and received his education in St. Bridget's Grammar School, from which he was graduated in 1894. He then found his first employment with the Pullman Palace Car Company, in Jersey City, with whom he remained for a period of sixteen years. At the end of that time, in 1920, he decided to engage in the real estate business for himself, and in association with his brother, William T., Jr., he opened an office at room 809 in the Trust Company building, in Jersey City. The brothers have been successful in their real estate operations and both are well known as experts in the appraisal of real estate values. Both brothers are members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of the Jersey City Chamber of Commerce, and Frank William Maxwell is a member of the Union League, and is a director and one of the organizers of the West Bergen Trust Company, on West Side and Virginia avenues. Both are enthusiastic baseball "fans" and both have a host of friends in Jersey City. Frank William is a member of the Church of Our Lady of Victory, and William T., Jr., is a member of St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church. Both hold membership in the Holy Name Society.

Frank William Maxwell married, at New Durham, North Bergen, Hudson county, New Jersey, June 2, 1906, Celene Nugent, who was born in New York City, daughter of Patrick and Sarah (O'Rourke) Nugent, the former of whom lives in Jersey City, and the latter of whom is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Frank William Maxwell are the parents of two children:

Raymond W., who was born November 16, 1910; and Frank William, Jr., born March 2, 1917.

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### CARNEY, Leo S.,

**Judge.**

A veteran of the World War and a member of the New Jersey bar, Mr. Carney was born at Harrison, New Jersey, September 7, 1895, son of Edward J. and Margaret (Gleeson) Carney. His parents are both representatives of Irish families that have long been domiciled in the United States, and they have for many years been prominently connected with New Jersey life. The son of loyal and devoted Catholic parents, Mr. Carney was named Leo in honor of His Holiness Pope Leo XIII., the venerable pontiff who for so many years occupied the Papal See at Rome.

An alert and intelligent boy, Mr. Carney was entered by his parents as a pupil of the parochial school of the Catholic church at Harrison. He proceeded therefrom to St. Peter's College in Jersey City, where he received a cultural training in the liberal arts. He cared little for business, and his attention having been drawn to the law as a means of livelihood, he decided before he left St. Peter's to proceed to a professional school for legal training. He matriculated as a student of the New Jersey Law School until his enlistment in the United States army during the World War. In November, 1920, he passed the required examination for admission to the New Jersey State bar and in the following month he was admitted to the bar as an attorney-at-law. During the course of his preparation for admission to the ranks of the legal profession, he studied law with Charles Jones and James P. Mylod, of Newark, New



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Jersey, and he considers that to both of these gentlemen he owes a debt that he can never pay. The intensive training he received from them, especially in the proper preparation of cases for trial, has since been invaluable to him and from them he also derived many ideas of fine ethical and professional significance. Mr. Carney's practice, as at present constituted, is general in its scope, but his tendency is to specialize and in the course of time he is likely to become known as an authority on some special branch of legal study.

During the World War Mr. Carney enlisted in the United States army, and was commissioned a second lieutenant of the Infantry in the 88th Division. He served for a period of ten months, and regards the experience he acquired during that period as among the most valuable of his life. In politics he is a Democrat, and takes an active interest in local political affairs. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club of West Hudson, and as a Catholic, he belongs to the Knights of Columbus. Mr. Carney was appointed February 26, 1923, judge of the District Court of the Second Judicial District of Hudson County by Governor George S. Silzer.

On June 28, 1922, he married, at Newark, Florence V. Cunnane, daughter of James J. and Bridget (Kigher) Cunnane. Mrs. Carney has a sister, Margaret, who is now the wife of James L. McKeon, of Harrison, who is also a member of the legal profession.

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### **SAMUELS, David Lionel,**

#### **Architect.**

Standing back of the construction world as an architectural designer, David Lionel Samuels is one of the really significant young men of Hudson county, New Jer-

sey, and his individuality is finding expression in the creation of many beautiful and substantial commercial and residential structures in the various parts of the county. Mr. Samuels is a veteran of the World War and is popular in fraternal circles in this section. He is a son of Joseph and Esther (Feldman) Samuels.

David Lionel Samuels was born in New York City, May 3, 1896. Coming to Hudson county with his parents when still a little child, it was in the public schools of Jersey City and of the town of Union that his education was begun. He was graduated from Dickinson High School in the class of 1916, then took up his professional preparation in the evening classes of the Cooper Union Institute in New York City, from which he was graduated in 1916. Later taking further special courses at Pratt Institute, in Brooklyn, New York, he was graduated in 1918. Mr. Samuels entered upon his career in the practice of architecture in New York City, and thereafter accepted a position in Trenton, New Jersey, in the State of New Jersey, Department of Architecture, where he was active for one year. Opening his office in Union, New Jersey, in 1921, he has taken a leading position in the field in this section and his work has been accepted by the most critical as worthy of the highest commendation. He gives promise of a long and successful career, one which will mean more than the mere attainment of material gain, for in beauty and character of the structures which house the interests of the people they are inspired to greater effort and higher achievement. During the World War Mr. Samuels enlisted in the United States Infantry and served one year as a member of the 72nd Division, after which he was made an English instructor at Camp Dix.

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His fraternal affiliations include membership in Lodge No. 1357, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Union Hill; Ezra Lodge, No. 215, of Union Hill, Free and Accepted Masons; Court Union Hill No. 181, Foresters of America; also the New Jersey Society of Architects; and the Young Men's Hebrew Association. His political convictions align with the principles of the Democratic party. David L. Samuels is a young man of today, but the work he is doing will endure for many years to come, and his usefulness is far wider than the mere scope of his present activities.

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### CRUDEN, Percival Graeme,

Lawyer.

Percival Graeme Cruden, lawyer, located at No. 1 West Eighth street, Bayonne, New Jersey, was born November 12, 1881. He is the son of Alexander Burgess and Annie Elizabeth (Ross) Cruden. Mr. Cruden's ancestors on both sides were of Scotch origin, coming on his father's side from the town of Cruden, Aberdeenshire, and on his mother's side from Rossshire, Scotland. Alexander Cruden, at one time librarian to the King of Scotland, and author of "Cruden's Concordance," as well as the beloved Scotch poet, Robert Burns, were related to Mr. Cruden's ancestry line. Mr. Cruden's paternal grandfather, Boyd MacRockett Cruden, established the first department store in the city of Rochester, and was a noted expert on linens. His wife, Janet Burgess Cruden, was one of the famous Scotch family of Burgess, and a descendant of the original line of Earl of Drummond.

Mr. Cruden's father, Alexander Burgess Cruden, was born in New York City, February 15, 1843, and served throughout the Civil War as a member of Company

C, 9th Regiment, New York Volunteers, which made an honored place for itself in the history of this country as the "Hawkins Zouaves." He was wounded at the battle of Antietam and at Gettysburg. He is still in good health and is connected with the financial department of A. G. Spalding Manufacturing Company, in Brooklyn, New York, and resides at Freeport, Long Island. Percival Graeme Cruden has three brothers: Ross Boyd Cruden, who is married and has one son, now in attendance at Rutgers University, and two daughters. He is engaged in the raising of fancy fowl, near Dover, New Jersey; Burgess Alexander Cruden, who is married and has no children, is a member of the bar of the States of New York and New Jersey and is associated with Percival Graeme Cruden in the law firm of Benny & Cruden, at Bayonne, and resides at Cranford, New Jersey; George Washington Cruden, unmarried, resides at Freeport, Long Island, and is general manager of A. G. Spalding Manufacturing Company, at Brooklyn, New York. Mr. Cruden's mother was Annie Elizabeth Cruden, *nee* Ross. She was born at New Durham, New Jersey, and her father and members of her family owned large farms which extended from about what is now known as the Hudson County Boulevard, westerly to the Hackensack meadows. The tract included some of the amusement parks and cemeteries which now border on the Boulevard. She died at Bayonne, on March 3, 1904, and is buried in the Old Scotch Cemetery, in Ridgefield, New Jersey.

Percival Graeme Cruden was born at Hoboken, in 1881, and moved with his parents to Bayonne at the age of twelve years. While a young man he became a member of what was then a very power-



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ful temperance organization, known as Cadets of Temperance, which had sections or organizations in most of the large States of the East, including Canada. He became the presiding officer of Lincoln Section, the first in Bayonne, and subsequently, at a convention held in Philadelphia, he was elected most worthy arcan or head of the organization in North America. While a member of the Cadets of Temperance, he defended one of the members who had been charged with violation of his pledge and because of the manner in which he handled the trial, James Benny, who was at that time interested in boys' work in Bayonne, induced Mr. Cruden to enter his office and study law, which he did after having been associated with the banking house of William Morris Imbrie & Company, of New York, for five years.

Mr. Cruden served his clerkship in the office of Mr. Benny and upon his admission to the bar formed a partnership with him, which continued until some years after, when Mr. Cruden went West, having purchased a large ranch near Edmonton, Alberta. The call of the city, however, became too strong for him and after having been on the ranch a little over a year he disposed of the property and moved to the city of Edmonton, where he became the representative of the Northern District of Alberta for the Equitable Life Insurance Company, of New York, in which position he continued until after the beginning of the World War, which caused the insurance business to dwindle to nothing. Mr. Cruden then moved to Kalispell, Flathead county, Montana, and was admitted to the bar of that State in the year 1915, and practiced law at Kalispell until he returned East and became assistant title officer of the New Jersey Title Guarantee and Trust

Company. He served in this capacity for about two years and then became associated with his partner, James Benny, and his brother, Burgess Alexander Cruden, in the firm of Benny & Cruden, at Bayonne, of which he is still a member. During the World War Mr. Cruden was legal adviser of the Bayonne Draft Board, and in that position handled over two thousand cases in such a manner as to bring forth high commendation both from the authorities at Washington and the people whose cases came before him. He served as a "four-minute" speaker during the Liberty Loan drives. He served as assistant city attorney of the city of Bayonne and was appointed advisor to the prohibition director of the State of New Jersey, and after having served for five months was forced to resign because of the pressure of his private practice. Mr. Cruden is just concluding his fourth term as president of the Young Men's Christian Association of Bayonne, and as such is the head of both the Central Branch and Industrial Branch, which is devoted entirely to the interest of the men of the various industrial plants of Bayonne, and said to be the largest of its kind in the world. He is past president and one of the charter members of the Bayonne Kiwanis Club, and is the present lieutenant-governor of Kiwanis for the district of New Jersey. Mr. Cruden is also a member of the United States and Bayonne Chambers of Commerce; Bayonne Lodge, No. 99, Free and Accepted Masons; Arion Lodge, No. 68, Knights of Pythias; Bayonne Republican Club; Roselle Golf Club; the Hudson County Bar Association; and the Bayonne Kiwanis. He is a deacon of the Fifth Street Reformed Church, council for the City Building and Loan Association of Bayonne, and Bayonne counsel for the Union

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Trust and Hudson County National Bank. Among other companies for which he is counsel are: Lufberry Company, manufacturers and distributors of antimony and rubber substitutes in the United States; the Mutual Benefit Investment Company, of which he is secretary, whose assets are over half a million dollars, and one of the largest land owners in Bayonne; The Industrial City Investment Company, and the Commonwealth Realty and Investment Company, both of which are large realty companies with extensive holdings in Bayonne; The Leslie Investment Company and the Thomas Investment Company.

On September 5, 1911, Mr. Cruden was married at Fort Ticonderoga, New York, to Stephanie Worth, who was born at Union Hill, New Jersey, daughter of John and Louise M. Worth. Her maternal grandfather, Henry Fessler, was the owner of a large silk mill in Union Hill, which subsequently came under the control of Schwartzenbach, Huber & Company. Doctor William Fessler, of Palisades, a specialist of children's diseases, is Mrs. Cruden's uncle. Mr. and Mrs. Cruden have two children: George Burgess, born February 22, 1916; and Donald Graeme, born December 22, 1917.

### THROCKMORTON, James Barberie,

#### **Bank Official.**

James B. Throckmorton, president of the Provident Institution for Savings, of Jersey City, New Jersey, entered into the wholesale dry goods business and for many years claimed his birthright, only abandoning that line of mercantile activity in 1910 when he became interested and engaged in banking as a business. His father, Charles Duncan Throckmorton, was a wholesale dry goods merchant of

New York City, and to him the son owed his start in the business that so long claimed him. Charles Duncan Throckmorton married Mary Ann Ellis and they were the parents of James Barberie Throckmorton, of this review.

James Barberie Throckmorton was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, November 16, 1858. He was educated in Hasbrouck Institute, Jersey City, and Lawrenceville High School, Lawrenceville, New Jersey, completing his studies there in 1875, and in that same year entered the wholesale dry goods business in New York City, so continuing for thirty-five years, 1875-1910. He was very successful and understood dry goods merchandising as few men understand it. In 1910 he retired from that business and the same year became officially interested in banking. Since 1916 he has been president of the Provident Institution for Savings, of Jersey City, an office of trust and responsibility he ably fills. He is also a director of the New Jersey Title Guarantee Trust Company, of Jersey City, and from 1912 until 1920 was a member of the Hudson County Park Commission.

Mr. Throckmorton is a member of Bergen Lodge, No. 47, Free and Accepted Masons; Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America; member and director of the Jersey City Chamber of Commerce; the Carteret Club; Down Town Club of Jersey City; Hudson County Automobile Club, and St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church of Jersey City. For six years he was president of the Carteret Club, and this was during its expansion, and it is entirely proper to say that he was an influential factor in the building of the club's new edifice on the Boulevard.

Mr. Throckmorton married, in Jersey City, April 21, 1881, Elizabeth Adele Pendexter, daughter of Gustavus F. and Clara





*J. B. Throckmorton*





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Warner (Southmayd) Pendexter. Mr. and Mrs. Throckmorton are the parents of a daughter, Clara (Throckmorton) Brown.

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### GILLESPIE, James W.,

**Lawyer, Served in World War.**

The elder of two brothers, both of whom are veterans of the World War and partners in the law firm of Gillespie and Gillespie, of Arlington, New Jersey, James W. Gillespie, was born at Warwick, New York, March 30, 1883. He is a son of John M. and Lena R. (Weeden) Gillespie, who came to New Jersey in the year 1889 and established their family home in Arlington.

Mr. Gillespie was educated in the public schools of New Jersey. After his graduation from the Kearny High School he entered upon the study of law with James J. Gibb, of Newark, and so assiduously did he pursue his studies under Mr. Gibb's direction, that he was able to pass the prescribed examination for admission to the New Jersey State bar at the age of twenty-two years. He was admitted as an attorney in June, 1905, and three years later attained the rank of counsellor. Mr. Gillespie began the practice of his profession by opening a general law office at Kearny in 1905, where his services have always been in great demand, both as a counsellor and as a trial lawyer. Highly respected among the members of his profession and deriving great intellectual pleasure and profit from the law, Mr. Gillespie is happily placed in regard to his life work and would not exchange a career at the bar for any other occupation on earth. Although his practice has always been general in its scope, he has been fortunate in the number of interesting cases in which he has been

called upon to appear, and some of the most important law cases that have ever been tried in Hudson county have been briefed by him or with his assistance.

When the United States became a participant in the World War, Mr. Gillespie volunteered for service and was assigned to the Quartermaster's Corps with the rank of captain. He was stationed at Camp Lee, Virginia, for thirty-three months, on duty as camp property officer, and during this period ably demonstrated his ability as an alert and conscientious military officer. When the war was over Mr. Gillespie returned to Arlington and resumed his law practice. Mr. Gillespie's name is carried on the roll of only one fraternal organization. He is a member of Pilgrim Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Arlington. In politics he is a Republican, and a zealous advocate of progressive and constructive legislative policies and measures.

On November 4, 1908, he married, at Arlington, New Jersey, Jennie Klinghemmer, daughter of Kurt and Emilie (Legler) Klinghemmer. Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie have three sons: John Lawrence, James Armand, and Frederick Sinclair, all of whom were born in Arlington.

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### GILLESPIE, Forrest H.,

**Lawyer, Served in World War.**

A veteran of the World War, and the junior member of the law firm of Gillespie & Gillespie, of Arlington, New Jersey, Mr. Gillespie was born at Arlington, September 9, 1893, son of John M. and Lena R. (Weeden) Gillespie. His parents became residents of New Jersey in the year 1889, moving thither from Warwick, New York.

Mr. Gillespie received his education in the public schools of Kearny. After his

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graduation from the Kearny High School he proceeded to the New Jersey Law School and spent three years in the study of law. He was graduated from this institution of learning in March, 1913, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, and was shortly thereafter admitted to the New Jersey State bar as an attorney-at-law. Mr. Gillespie was very fortunately placed in having an older brother who had already made his mark as a member of the legal profession and who had for eight years been established as one of the leading practitioners of law in the town of Kearny. He entered into partnership with his brother, James W. Gillespie, a sketch of whom precedes this, and has been associated with him ever since.

During the World War Mr. Gillespie served for five months in the infantry of the United States army. When the signing of the armistice made it possible for the United States to muster out its war-time force, he received an honorable discharge and returned to Kearny, where he resumed his legal practice. Mr. Gillespie is opening offices in Tavares, Lake county, Florida. In politics Mr. Gillespie is a staunch Republican. He takes a great interest in local and national political affairs and believes in the principles of progress carried out and made effective by means of constructive legislative measures. Mr. Gillespie belongs to only one fraternal organization as yet. He is a member of Pilgrim Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Arlington, and is a regular attendant at the meetings of this lodge.

On January 12, 1915, he married, at Arlington, Mabel Graham, daughter of Mary F. and Robert J. Graham. Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie have one son, Graham Gillespie, who was born December 17, 1915, at Arlington.

**TWARDUS, Edward B.,**

**Attorney, World War Veteran.**

A veteran of the World War and one of the younger members of the New Jersey legal profession, Mr. Twardus was born at Newark, New Jersey, March 16, 1897, son of Julius J. and Helen (Winowicz) Twardus. His parents formerly lived at Newark, but found it expedient to establish their family home at Harrison, New Jersey, about the year 1910, and have lived in the town of Harrison ever since.

Mr. Twardus was very carefully educated, his parents sparing no expense in their efforts to give him the best educational opportunities. At an early age he was entered as a pupil of the New Jersey public schools in Harrison, and completed the entire curriculum. He was graduated from the high school in Harrison with a reputation for good conduct and scholarship and proceeded to New York University for instruction in the liberal arts. From New York University he proceeded to the Law School of Columbia University, in New York City, and after completing his freshman years as a law student at that institution of learning, returned to New Jersey and entered the New Jersey Law School by certification as a student with advanced standing. He was graduated from the New Jersey Law School with the degree of Bachelor of Laws and continued his legal studies with Frank McDermit, one of the foremost lawyers of Essex county. Mr. Twardus was admitted to the New Jersey State Bar in 1919, and is now engaged in the practice of his profession at No. 810 Broad street, Newark, New Jersey.

During the World War Mr. Twardus was a member of the 72nd Regiment of Engineers. He spent several months in the service and received an honorable dis-







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charge when the signing of the armistice made it possible for the United States to return its soldiers and sailors to civil life. Although he is a member of the American Legion, Mr. Twardus takes the deepest interest in the welfare of his former companions at arms and especially in those who were disabled on the field of battle. He believes that public opinion should exert itself in the matter of providing for the care and training of wounded soldiers and sailors more effectively than it has in times past, and that the United States can make no greater mistake than to fail to put the needs of its disabled veterans above all other considerations of home and foreign policy. A Republican in politics, Mr. Twardus usually votes the straight Republican ticket. He is a member of Kearny Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Harrison Lodge, Fraternal Order of Eagles; and the Newark Athletic Club.

Mr. Twardus is unmarried.

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### STEWART, Thomas James,

**Man of Great Enterprise.**

The old aphorism that "blood will tell" applies with force to the character of Thomas James Stewart, of Jersey City, New Jersey, a descendant of an ancient Scotch-Irish family, noted for several generations for piety and religious ideals. The family were originally Scotch Covenanters, who fled to the north of Ireland during the seventeenth century to escape religious persecution prevailing in Scotland, the family residing there until Robert Stuart Stewart came to the United States.

Robert Stuart Stewart, a descendant of the Stuart Scottish clan, was the son of a farmer, and was a horse dealer near Belfast; his mother's maiden name was Jane

Shaw. He was born March 11, 1824, near Belfast, Ireland, died in Jersey City, New Jersey, August 27, 1909. He became a mechanical engineer; came to the United States about 1850 and settled in New York City, where he remained for several years before removing to West Hoboken, New Jersey, where he resided thereafter. On April 22, 1861, he enlisted in Company B, "Scott's Life Guards," otherwise known as the 4th Regiment, New York Volunteers, and served until May 25, 1863, when he was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant, in New York. He was wounded at the battle of Fredericksburg, Virginia, December 11-13, 1862. Robert S. Stewart married Ann Heaney, of Scotch ancestry, born in County Longford, Ireland, in January, 1834, and died in Jersey City, New Jersey, February 3, 1911. Her mother's maiden name was Ann Wilson. Robert S. and Ann (Heaney) Stewart were the parents of three children, one of whom was a son, Thomas James Stewart, the principal character of this review; and two others, since deceased.

Thomas James Stewart, son of Robert S. and Ann (Heaney) Stewart, was born November 23, 1856, in the family home at the southeast corner of Seventh avenue and Twenty-sixth street, New York City, New York. After the removal of the family to New Jersey he attended the public schools of West Hoboken until about twelve years of age, having a rating of one hundred. During his attendance at school he was recommended by his principal and secured the position of official messenger to the Town Council of Hoboken, his duty being to post notices and to carry messages for the councilmen when required. At his graduation from school he won the prize, i. e., a free tuition at Stevens Institute of Technology, at

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Hoboken, but was unable to accept. Immediately after leaving school he was employed as office boy by Thomas Marshall Stewart, his uncle, at a salary of two dollars per week, his business, cleaning carpets and other floor coverings, at No. 157 West Thirty-second street, New York City. About three years after entering the employ of his uncle the then existing firm was dissolved, and the elder Mr. Stewart opened a carpet cleaning establishment at No. 326 Seventh avenue, New York City. Thomas J. Stewart was made clerk in the new location, then acted as manager during the absence of his uncle, and at the age of eighteen years his uncle gave him an interest in the business and made him his partner. This arrangement continued until 1879, when at the age of twenty-three years he started carpet cleaning establishments of his own, in Jersey City, New Jersey, and New York City, New York.

He continued in business in Jersey City until 1888, when he purchased a lot at the corner of Erie and Fifth streets, upon which stood an old wooden building formerly occupied as a jewelry factory. He demolished the old building and erected in its place a modern brick and stone building, sixty by sixty feet, and six stories high and equipped it for his business. In 1893 he added two wings to the first building—one, twenty by sixty feet, and the other twenty by one hundred feet, both six stories high, making his plant one of the most commodious and modern carpet cleaning and furniture storage establishments in the United States. These additions enabled Mr. Stewart to add a furniture storage business in addition to carpet cleaning, to which was later added moving vans. He was the first person in Jersey City to provide improved moving vans and compe-

tent service for handling and storing furniture of all kinds, and from a small beginning his business grew into a most important carpet cleaning and storage plant. The business was incorporated in 1893 as the Thomas J. Stewart Company, Thomas J. Stewart president of the company and sole owner.

In politics Mr. Stewart is a Republican on National and State issues, but is not partisan on local issues. He was instrumental in changing the form of government to a commission form and his many friends insisted that he become a candidate for city commissioner under the Walsh Act, which provides for a board of five commissioners in whom executive authority is invested instead of a mayor. At the election held in June, 1913, he was defeated, but received about forty-five per cent of the total vote, the highest number of votes for a candidate on his party ticket. He is an ex-vice-president of the Jersey City Board of Trade, now the Chamber of Commerce, and was a member of the executive and finance committees; is president of the Newman Industrial Home and Mission of Jersey City; president of the Team Owners' Association of Hudson County; member of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, New York City and Jersey City; member of many charitable and philanthropic societies in New York City and Hudson county, New Jersey; president of the Jersey City Young Men's Christian Association, and chairman of the Building Committee of their new building now being erected on Bergen avenue at a cost of \$850,000; is president of the Lions International Club, of Jersey City, being twice reelected to this office. He is also a member of the Masonic and Carteret clubs of Jersey City, and a charter mem-



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ber of the Newark, New Jersey, Athletic Club.

In November, 1916, Mr. Stewart retired from active business but could not remain inactive, and from that time he has devoted himself to charitable work, the public service and the uplift of his fellow-men. For three years after his retirement from business he maintained a private office for carrying on his work, but since 1919 he has his desk in his home, where none in need of counsel or material aid are ever turned away empty handed. During the war with Germany in which his four sons served, Mr. Stewart accepted the arduous post of food administrator for Jersey City and in that position rendered valuable public service in association with many men and women of the city, all giving their services without cost to the government. The work accomplished in Jersey City by the food administrator and his assistants brought forth from the department heads of State and Nation, unstinted praise. Mr. Stewart was instrumental in bringing into being the Vehicular Tunnel under the Hudson river connecting Jersey City with New York, and active in many forms of civic betterment. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Jersey City, and for several years has served as trustee and elder in his previous church. He is affiliated with Bergen Lodge, No. 47, Free and Accepted Masons; and with all bodies of the York and Scottish Rites of Masonry.

Thomas J. Stewart married, in West Hoboken, New Jersey, February 12, 1885, Cornelia Banta, daughter of George D. and Emily M. Banta. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart are the parents of seven children: Thomas James, Jr., married Lillian Fauspel; Cornelia, married Ernest B. Slade; Arthur Irving, married Grace Alberts; Hazel, married Norman W. Stirling; Robert G., now house surgeon in the French

Hospital, New York City; Oliver R., lyric and dramatic tenor soloist, now engaged in the First Presbyterian Church, Morristown, New Jersey, also in concert and oratorio; and Russell H., deceased. The family home, a beautiful Colonial residence, is located at No. 604 Bergen avenue, Jersey City.

A high standard of business ethics, an acute sense of honor and unstained personal integrity are family characteristics that Thomas J. Stewart inherited from a line of ancestors who drew their inspiration from the Bible and exemplified their faith by their works. That he has been true to the best traditions of his family may be said to have been the foundation of his success as a business man, and surely his high personal reputation comes as the result of a life lived in harmony with these traditions.

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### SMITH, Preston Hopkins,

#### Superintendent of Schools.

In the city of Bayonne, New Jersey, Preston H. Smith holds a very prominent position and one of immeasurable responsibility as superintendent of the public schools. Mr. Smith is a man of broad vision and keen sympathies and his deep interest in the boys and girls of the city is one of the influences which will count for progress not only to-day, but in generations to come.

Preston H. Smith was born at Hamilton, New York, May 17, 1871. His parents were LaMott and Rachel E. Smith. Following his elementary education, he attended Colgate Academy, at Hamilton, New York, from which he was graduated in 1889, then entered Colgate University, also at Hamilton, and was graduated from that institution in the class of 1893. Thereafter, Mr. Smith covered the post-graduate work at both

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Cornell and New York universities, and a student by nature and interested in many branches of literature and science, he is one of the very widely-read educators of Hudson county. Mr. Smith began his career as teacher of mathematics at Peddie Institute, at Hightstown, New Jersey, in which capacity he was active for about five years. In 1898 he became principal of the Columbian School, at Rahway, New Jersey, then the following year accepted the principalship of the Bayonne High School. He was very successful in his work in this connection and filled that exacting office for a period of seventeen years, then in 1916 was appointed superintendent of schools of Bayonne. He still ably serves in this capacity, and under his administration the standards of the local schools have been elevated, the morale of the pupils has become loftier and the general progress of the schools has materially advanced. Mr. Smith is a member of the New York Schoolmasters' Club, the New Jersey Council of Education, and the New Jersey State Teachers' Association, of which he has been president for two successive terms. His more personal interests include membership in the Bayonne Rotary Club, and he is identified with the Baptist church.

Mr. Smith married, at Keyport, New Jersey, on July 26, 1895, Cora A. Roberts, daughter of Daniel V. and Eleanor A. Roberts, and they are the parents of two children: Preston Robert, born August 25, 1899, and Rachel E., born August 25, 1901.

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### **RIDGWAY, Charles Dallas,**

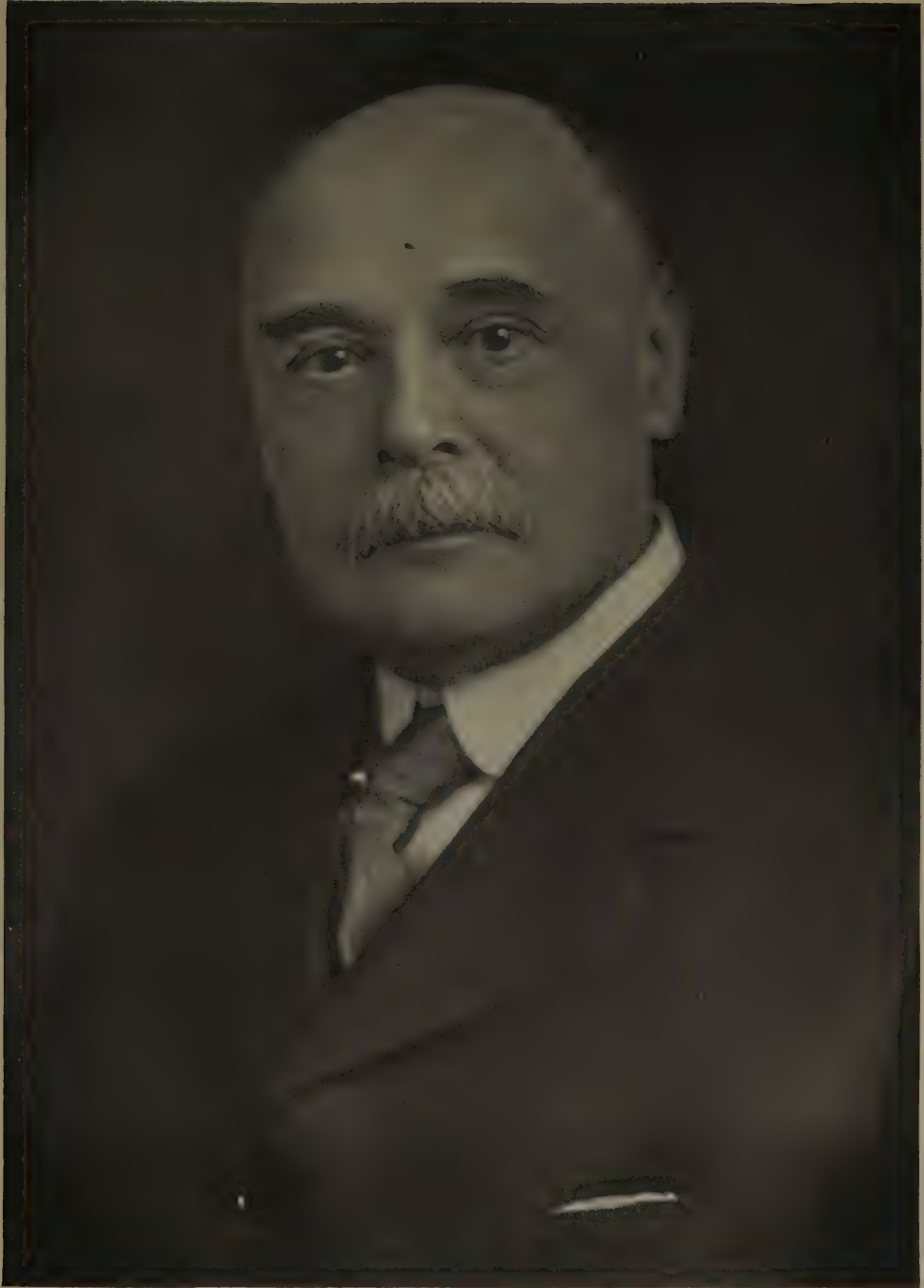
**Lawyer, Active in Community Interests.**

Charles Dallas Ridgway was born on his father's farm at Creamridge, Upper

Freehold township, Monmouth county, New Jersey, on July 3, 1846. His father, Richard L. Ridgway, was a very successful and prosperous farmer, owning nearly 500 acres of land. Charles D. Ridgway was the second child of a family of six children, three boys and three girls, all of whom are still living. As a small lad he, with his elder brother, attended the public school maintained by the township of Upper Freehold, but as the family grew his father became dissatisfied with the educational advantages provided for his children by the public authorities. He therefore built upon his farm a school-house of his own, hiring his own teacher and admitting to the school such other children as he chose. He limited the whole number of pupils to about fifteen so that the teacher could give efficient instruction to all who attended. Here he was taught until he was fourteen years of age. He was then sent to a private school at Mount Holly, New Jersey, kept by Samuel Aaron, a learned and eloquent preacher of the Baptist denomination. In 1864 he was sent to the Woodhull Institute at Freehold, New Jersey, to prepare for college. He entered Princeton in the fall of 1865 and graduated from that university in June, 1869. He entered Columbia College Law School in October, 1870, graduating in May, 1872.

After serving a clerkship in the office of Tracy, Olmstead & Tracy, No. 50 Wall street, New York City, for a number of years, Mr. Ridgway began the practice of law in that city on his own account, opening an office at No. 41 Park Row, where he has ever since practiced his profession. His firm is Ridgway, Ridgway & Slote, composed of himself, his son, William C. Ridgway, and Irwin Slote. Mr. Ridgway, while always taking an active interest in the public questions affecting his country





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as well as his city and State, has never held a public office. Politically he has always been identified with the Republican party. When the Union League Club of Hudson County was founded, he was elected its first president and during his administration many of the very prominent men of that party visited that club and addressed its members and invited guests. When Mark Fagan was elected mayor of Jersey City he appointed Mr. Ridgway to the Board of Education, to represent the city-at-large, and re-appointed him to that position during his three terms. During the last two years of that administration he was elected president of the board. During Mr. Fagan's administration it can be truthfully said that politics was religiously excluded from the school administration. For more than thirty years he has been actively identified as trustee with the Children's Friends Society, which maintains a home on Glenwood avenue for friendless children. By the act of the Legislature of New Jersey incorporating the society, that society becomes the legal guardian of every child admitted, and stands as its parent until it reaches its majority, so that the work of the society becomes a most important one in its relation to every child admitted. Mr. Ridgway has been president of the board for several years.

Mr. Ridgway became a member of the First Presbyterian Church, of Jersey City, upon taking up his residence in that city, and has continuously from that time been a teacher in the Sabbath school, and has served the church as elder and as trustee for over forty years. On November 24, 1921, the congregation of that church greatly honored him and Mrs. Ridgway by giving them a public reception in the Sunday school room of the church, at

which many friends outside the congregation attended and made the occasion a very memorable event in the life of both Mr. and Mrs. Ridgway. Mr. Ridgway is still actively engaged in his profession and maintains his good health by walking to the Pennsylvania Ferry with Judge Carrick and R. J. Wortendyke.

On December 4, 1873, he married Julia W. Combs, daughter of Joseph Combs, of Freehold, New Jersey, judge of the Court of Errors and Appeals of that State. Mr. Ridgway took up his residence in Jersey City in June, 1876. In 1884 he completed his home at No. 18 Kensington avenue, where he continuously resided until he sold it in 1923. Mr. and Mrs. Ridgway have had five children, all of whom are living, viz: Richard L.; William C.; Charles D.; Gilbert C.; and Marion, who married Douglas S. Schenck.

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### KEMPF, George A.,

#### Founder of Important Business.

Of especial significance to the industrial world, not only of Jersey City, but of a wide domestic territory and various foreign countries, is the enterprise known under the title of the Progressive Machine & Tool Company, which is located at No. 280 Sip avenue, Jersey City. George A. Kempf, as president of this concern and the active head of its interests, bears a constructive part in the permanent advance of the manufacturing progress of the time. He is a son of August T. Kempf, who was of French descent, and by trade was a harness maker and saddler. For a quarter of a century August T. Kempf was employed by the Wells-Fargo Express Company, at their Jersey City office, then later engaged in business for himself. A man of broad interests and forward-looking spirit, he was a worker

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in the ranks of the Democratic party, and in all movements calculated to advance the public welfare. He was a member of the Episcopal church, was honored and esteemed by all who knew him and his death, which occurred in 1917, was widely regretted. He married Agnes Thuring, of Swiss ancestry, and they were the parents of seventeen children, of whom twelve are still living, among them, George A., of further mention.

George A. Kempf was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, December 10, 1889. Receiving his early education in the public schools of the city, he later took a comprehensive course in mechanical engineering at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, at Worcester, Massachusetts. He has been engaged in the same general field since and in 1917 formed his present business association, the Progressive Machine & Tool Company, which was incorporated in June of that year, with George A. Kempf as president, William A. Maly as treasurer, and Edward K. Fiebekorn as secretary. Organized for the manufacture of special machinery and machine tools, they have done much work of importance to the industries, especially in connection with the development of knitting machinery for the manufacture of scarfs, neck-ties, dress goods, hosiery, gloves, and so forth. Their experimental work in this line has brought out many new possibilities of production and new economies of operation and they are counted leaders in this field. They are equipped for every branch of machine work, and with expert assistants under Mr. Kempf's direction are doing a constantly increasing business. The plant is a modern one-story structure of some 5,000 square feet of floor space, giving employment to forty-five people, and in addition to the above lines they develop

many labor-saving devices for the industrial plants of New York and Jersey City. But their output goes to great distances, to all parts of the United States, also to Europe and South America. Mr. Kempf's time is almost wholly absorbed by his business affairs, but he is affiliated fraternally with the Loyal Order of Moose, Lodge No. 266, of Jersey City.

Mr. Kempf married, on April 29, 1914, Catherine Miller, of Jersey City, and they have one child, Raymond. The family home is at No. 209 Manhattan avenue, Jersey City.

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### **BAILEY, George Edward,**

**Bank Official.**

The active career of George Edward Bailey has from the time he left school been identified with the stock brokerage and banking business; with the stock brokerage business until 1906, and with banking interests in Jersey City since that time. He is now vice-president and cashier of the Bergen National Bank, located at No. 2860 Hudson boulevard.

Mr. Bailey is of English ancestry. His grandfather, Rushton Bailey, came from England to this country in 1831, and located in Brooklyn, New York, where he engaged in business as a horticultural gardener and where he helped to "lay out" Greenwood Cemetery. Thomas E. Bailey, son of Rushton Bailey, and father of George Edward Bailey, was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1840, and died in Jersey City, March, 1888, aged forty-eight years. He was engaged in business as a stock broker in Wall street and was held in high esteem among his many associates. He married Elizabeth Ann Tuttle, who was born in Jersey City, in 1841, and is still living in that community, aged eighty-three years.



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George Edward Bailey, son of Thomas E. and Elizabeth A. (Tuttle) Bailey, was born in Jersey City, March 14, 1868, in the Tuers house, which stood on the present site of the 4th Regiment Armory, an engraving of which is shown in the pages of this work. One branch of his ancestry on his maternal side traces back to the old Dutch settlers, the Van Reypens, who owned many acres of land adjacent to Bergen square. He attended the public schools of his native city, graduating from Grammar School No. 11, in 1883, and from the high school in 1885, and then began his active career in Wall street. He continued in that line until 1906, when he was made assistant cashier of the Second National Bank of Jersey City. When the Second National Bank was merged with the Union Trust Company in 1907, Mr. Bailey was made secretary of the merged interest, and in 1915 he was made treasurer and vice-president. These official positions he continued to hold until August, 1922, when he became identified with the Bergen National Bank, as vice-president and cashier. His long connection with financial and especially with the banking interests has made him an expert in his field, and his services are recognized as being of especial value to the bank with which he is identified. The Bergen National Bank, located at No. 2860 Hudson boulevard, is one of the well established organizations of the city and has made for itself a reputation for exceptionally efficient business methods. Mr. Bailey's knowledge of the people and conditions of Jersey City has also been of great value to him in his career. His large circle of friends include members of the many foreign residents, especially the Italians. He early sought to help them in their endeavors to financial suc-

cess and has often expressed great satisfaction at the progress made by some of our Italian citizens, many of whom to-day are valuable members of Jersey City's business world. During the World War Mr. Bailey acted as treasurer and financial aid of several of the drives. Twice he rendered his services to the Jewish funds. For three years he has acted as treasurer of the Salvation Army drives and is at present treasurer of the advisory board of the Salvation Army in Jersey City. He is treasurer of the following organizations: Legal Aid Society of Jersey City, which was started in the Whittier house, but rapidly grew to such proportions that the society has its own office at No. 76 Montgomery street; he is a director of the Whittier house and treasurer of Bergen Lodge, No. 47, Free and Accepted Masons; and Bergen Lodge Realty Company; and is treasurer of the Masonic Bureau of New Jersey, and also of other societies. In his religious connection he is a member of the Bergen Reformed Church of New Jersey. Mr. Bailey's long association with banking interests and the various monies of many countries, awakened an interest in him in the infinite variety of coins which are to be found throughout the civilized world, and he has a very large collection which represents a recreative work of years. His kindness and genial personality have won for him a host of friends in Jersey City, and he is held in high esteem also among his business associates.

George Edward Bailey married, December 8, 1921, in Hoboken, New Jersey, Edwina Victoria Thorne, who was born in New York City, daughter of Edwin Charles and Susan Thorne, the latter of whom is now living in Hoboken.

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**SKINNER, Joseph Osmun,**

**Lawyer, Author.**

The legal profession is one which attracts to itself men of the finest caliber and it includes in its ranks many who, because they have financed their own professional education, may justly be termed "self-made." One of these is Joseph Osmun Skinner, who has been engaged in legal practice since 1907, and whose present offices are located at No. 1 Exchange place, Jersey City, and at No. 35 Wall street, New York City.

Peter Wilson Skinner, father of Joseph Osmun Skinner, was a native of Warren county, New Jersey, who died at Philipsburg, New Jersey, October 5, 1896, aged fifty-six years. He was for many years engaged in the flour and grain business at Philipsburg and was highly esteemed both among his business associates and among those with whom he associated in other connections. He married Catharine Osmun, who was born at Hope, New Jersey, and died in New York City, April 20, 1921, at the advanced age of eighty-two years. Mr. and Mrs. Skinner were the parents of three children, all of whom are living: Jennie Lois, who is engaged in teaching in one of the high schools of New York City; Joseph Osmun, of further mention; and Dr. Wilson Mackey, a doctor of dental surgery, who is following his profession in Easton, Pennsylvania.

Joseph Osmun Skinner, son of Peter Wilson and Catharine (Osmun) Skinner, was born in Philipsburg, New Jersey, December 28, 1875. He received his early education in the public schools of his native town and after graduating from the Philipsburg High School in 1893, was, for a period of three years, associated with his father, who was engaged in the flour and grain business in Philipsburg. At the

end of that time he engaged in an entirely new field of activity by accepting a position as reporter on the staff of the Warren "Daily News," of Warren county, New Jersey, and also reporting for the "Free Press" of Easton, Pennsylvania. After spending a year in newspaper work he became a student in Lerch's Preparatory School at Easton, Pennsylvania, and when his course there was completed he matriculated in Lafayette College, from which he was graduated in 1902. During the last three years of his college course he taught mathematics in the Lerch Preparatory School, and upon the completion of his course at Lafayette, he accepted a position in one of the high schools of Trenton, New Jersey, where he taught for one year. He was notably successful in teaching that branch in high school, and the following year he became a teacher of mathematics, English, and other subjects, in the Stevens School, at Hoboken, New Jersey, where he remained for three years. Meantime, he had begun his preparation for the legal profession and during the three years of successful work as an instructor in Stevens School, was also a student in the New York Law School. He was admitted as an attorney of the New Jersey bar, 1905, but continued teaching for another year, and took a post-graduate course at the law school. Three years later, in 1908, he was admitted to the New Jersey bar as a counselor and since that time has been continuously and successfully engaged in general practice. He was at first associated with Edwin G. Adams, in Newark, New Jersey, but soon moved to New York City to accept a position as lecturer on the law of real property in the New York Law School. After two years of teaching he went into general practice. Able, resourceful, and sparing no pains in the preparation of his





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cases, he has won the highest esteem among his professional associates and has been called upon to perform public service. For three years he served as assistant-district-attorney of New York City, under District-attorney Charles S. Whitman, and at the present time he is engaged in practice at No. 35 Wall street, New York City.

Mr. Skinner is a member of the Medical Jurisprudence Society, the Japan Society, American Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology, and the American Political Science Association, and fraternally he is affiliated with Phi Delta Theta College fraternity. Mr. Skinner is the author of "Skinner's Notaries Manual," the standard book for the State of New York. Mr. Skinner is one of those able and versatile men who strengthen their professional work by recreation which is at once enjoyable and useful. He finds physical recreation, as well as mental, in performing various types of carpenter work at home in the summer, and he, together with Mrs. Skinner, have made a hobby of collecting verses for very young children. Their book, "St. Nicholas Book of Verse," has just been published by the Century Company.

On April 23, 1910, in Chester, New Jersey, Joseph Osmun Skinner married Mary Hunt Budd, daughter of Joseph D. and Jennie V. (Spencer) Budd, both of whom are now residents of Chester. Mr. and Mrs. Skinner are the parents of two children, both of whom are living: Josephine, born July 20, 1911; and Mary Budd, born January 22, 1915.

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### BRETT, Rev. Cornelius,

#### Clergyman.

Rev. Cornelius Brett, D. D., was born November 25, 1842, and died February

24, 1922. In the palace of Versailles, near Paris, there is a shield of pure gold for Amanjeu, Sire d' Albret, a crusader of 1096, and in the thirteenth century one branch of the d'Albret family became, by marriage, Kings of Navarre. The English branch of the family is descended from several brothers, all men of title who accompanied William the Conqueror to England; the name appearing in various records as "de la Bret," "de Bret," "de Albret," and "Brett." It is to one of the English families who adopted the spelling Brett that the ancestry of Rev. Cornelius Brett, D. D. is traced.

Roger Brett, a lieutenant in the British Navy, came to this country and settled in New York, in 1690. In 1703 he married Catheryna Rombout, the daughter of Francis Rombout, a Huguenot, who about 1685 was mayor of New York. Through her father, Catheryna (Rombout) Brett inherited vast tracts of land along the Hudson river in Dutchess county, New York. Roger Brett and his wife decided to develop their estate, and in 1709 became the first settlers at Fishkill, New York, where they built a house in the wilderness, the first erected in Dutchess county. Here they dispensed an open-handed hospitality to all who came that way. The house is still standing and is known as the "Teller House," the present owner being a descendant of Roger Brett. The Dutch Reformed church was built at Fishkill in 1731 upon ground given by Madam Brett, and is marked by a tablet bearing the family coat-of-arms, and under the church Madam Catheryna Brett and many of her descendants are buried, for the building has been so enlarged that it covers the original burial plot of the Brett family.

Rev. Cornelius Brett was a descendant in direct line from Lieutenant Roger and

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Catheryna (Rombout) Brett, his parents being Rev. Philip Milledoler Brett, A. M., D. D., a clergyman of the Dutch Reformed church of New York City, and Cornelia (Bogert) Brett, daughter of Cornelius Bogert, a famous New York City lawyer of his time.

Dr. Cornelius Brett, in his later years, became deeply interested in his family history and spent much time during his European tours engaged in searching records in England and France for data concerning his forefathers. One of the interesting facts which he discovered was that Lord Esher, formerly Sir Reginald Brett, the friend of King Edward VII., and chosen biographer of Queen Victoria of England, still used the coat-of-arms used by Lieutenant Roger Brett in 1690 and which is still preserved upon a huge pewter plaque, now in the possession of Philip Milledoler Brett, of New York. Dr. Bret founded the Brett-Rombout Association and contributed much valuable data to the volume devoted to the genealogies and histories of the descendants of Roger Brett. His writings also included an introduction to the works of Bret Harte, a connection of the family.

The ministerial and professional testimonials to the life, character and services of Dr. Brett, presented by men of high standing at his funeral were most beautiful, touching and appropriate. But they were largely from his brethren who knew him as a Christian minister and pastor and valued him as such. Quotations are herein made, not from these, but from the remarks of a layman and a politician who viewed Dr. Brett as a man and not as a minister. Commissioner Harry Moore, who paid his tribute as representing Jersey City as a city official. He said in part:

True service is prompted by love and Dr. Brett loved his city. He delighted in speaking and reading of its history and on occasion he prided himself that he was a citizen of no mean city. Whenever Dr. Brett appeared before the city officials he was immediately heard and always got what he asked for, because he was fair and kind in his criticism, never cross, never venomous, and never gave the sneer that hurts.

Dr. Brett in appearing before the city officials never raised the spirit of antagonism, but always attracted them irresistibly and none could listen to his voice or catch the radiance of his face without realizing that he was in the presence of a real minister of God. Indeed he belonged to the city and were there a monument to be unveiled then Dr. Brett must tell the significance of it; were trees, memorial trees, to be planted upon the Lincoln Highway, then Dr. Brett must be the orator of the day; or if a regiment needed a chaplain, then Dr. Brett must don the uniform; and when the war-weary veterans returned home bearing their palms of victory, then Dr. Brett must lead in the public prayer of Thanksgiving.

\* \* \* To minister to that city, to feel its heartbeat, to be a part of its life. to love that city with a full and a real love, to love its people and to minister unto them for more than forty years and to gain the respect and admiration of every man, women and child in the city is a record seldom equalled in the annals of the Christian. All my life I have lived in the city and in going to its different parts, in meeting the most of its people, I have only heard words of affection and praise for our honored friend, and is it not remarkable? Go to-day to my part of this city and you will hear only words of affection and praise, not a criticism, not an unkind word, because Jersey City loved Dr. Brett and loved to do him honor. Some one has said he has achieved success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much; who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children; who has filled his niche, has accomplished his task; who has left the world better than he found it; who has never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it; who has always looked for the best in others and given the best he had; whose life was an inspiration, whose memory a benediction. All that is more than true of our beloved friend.

Jersey City lost a devoted and kindly servant, whose life and works are interwoven in the warp and woof of our city and shall live for all time in

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its memory. To those who knew him not, no words can depict him, and to those who knew him well all words are futile.

Such was Dr. Cornelius Brett, the citizen, one who lived in Jersey City as pastor of the Bergen Reformed Church from 1875 until his passing in 1922. He entered heartily into every department of city life, and it was literally true that a city "mourned" when his death was announced. The earliest pen portrait preserved of Dr. Brett we have was printed in the Sunday "Call" of Newark, in 1870, he then being pastor of the Second Reformed Church of that city:

In the young pastor we have a fine specimen of a man of unquestioned purity of character, vigorous intellect, handsome in his personal appearance and in every way fitted to adorn the sacred position in which he is placed. In person he is about five feet six inches in height, of elegant proportions and rather stoutly built. He has a large and finely developed head, and a very handsome countenance, is a decided blonde and a rich mass of light golden hair, slightly inclined to curl, but his eyes are as bright as a sloe. He is without doubt the best-looking preacher in Newark. He has a rich musical voice with every keynote of genuine eloquence in its sound. He possesses every element of the true orator and gives abundant promise of winning high reputation among the brilliant pulpit lights of his time.

Another picture shows him with Mrs. Brett, their children, and grandchildren gathered in a family group on Dr. and Mrs. Brett's Fiftieth Anniversary of their wedding day, having then been pastor of Bergen Reformed Church for forty years. The real date of the anniversary was October 10, 1915, but that date fell on Sunday and the function for which two thousand invitations were issued was observed the preceding day.

As a young man Dr. Brett was interested in public affairs. A poster is extant announcing that C. Brett, of New Brunswick, will address a Lincoln and Johnson

"Grand Union Meeting" at Plainfield, New Jersey, October 25, 1864, John Y. Foster being the other speaker.

Upon the very threshold of his career, Dr. Brett married, at New Brunswick, New Jersey, October 10, 1865, Helen Briggs Runyon, daughter of Clarkson and Matilda (Mundy) Runyon, who is a descendant of Edward and Samuel Fuller of the "Mayflower." Two children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Brett; Philip Milledoler, a lawyer, a sketch of whom follows, and Maude, wife of Dr. William H. Boocock, of Buffalo, New York.

Dr. Brett's ministerial life began with the Protestant Dutch Reformed Church of Flatlands (Brooklyn, New York), he being called to that church immediately upon his graduation from New Brunswick Theological Seminary and there he remained six years. He came to Flatlands in 1865, and on the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination he returned to be with his first church to commemorate that event. It was natural that Dr. Brett should go into the church for he was a descendant of Domine Polhemus, the first minister of that church, Domine Ritzema, the Rev. Philip Milledoler, and was a son of the Rev. Philip Milledoler Brett, D. D., a distinguished minister of the gospel.

Dr. Brett, after remaining at Flatlands for six years, accepted a call from the Second Reformed Church of Newark, New Jersey, there continuing two years. His next charge was to the Reformed church of Montgomery, Orange county, New York, where he spent three years, before accepting a call from Bergen Reformed Church of Jersey City. He was installed pastor of that church, August 1, 1876, a family picture at that time showing him with Mrs. Brett and two children, a daughter and a son, in the study of the parsonage on Bergen avenue



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that was their home for well on toward half a century, during which time he served as pastor and pastor emeritus. He was elected a member of the Board of Domestic Missions of the Reformed Church in 1879, served three years, and in 1885 was reëlected. From that time until his retirement he was in continuous service on the board, for eleven years was its president and for a time treasurer protem. He was president of the Particular Synod in its session at Paramus early in his ministry; served a term as member of the board of superintendents of the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, New Jersey; in 1893 was president of the General Synod at its session in Asbury Park; was a member of the Council of Hope College for eight years, and President of the Council one year. Ursinus College conferred upon him the honorary degree, D. D., in 1889, Rutgers College the same degree, in 1916. His great-grandfather, Philip Milledoler, was one of the early presidents of that college. He was also president of the Hudson County Historical Society, chaplain of the Society of Colonial Wars, New Jersey Chapter, president of the Cosmos Club, member of and an ex-president of the Phi Beta Kappa of New York. He was very fond of travel, but perhaps sailing was his favorite recreation.

In his own church he was in sympathy with every phase of endeavor that would forward church interests. The Boys' Brigade, comprising an infantry company, a signal corps, a park of artillery with two guns, and an ambulance corps, will never be forgotten by those who participated in its parades and camps. The Brett Club came later and the Duryee Club was still another manifestation of the same purpose represented in the Men's Club and the Boy Scouts. He was a familiar figure

at the annual conventions of the Hudson County Sunday School Association, and for several years he was president of the Hudson County Bible Society, founded in 1852. He was one of the managers of the Jersey City Missionary and Tract Society, and in his earlier years actively cooperated with Rev. William Verrenden, city missionary. Prior to the establishment of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor in Bergen Church there was a Young Men's Guild which owed its origin to Dr. Brett. The Christian Endeavor Society was formed in Bergen Church in 1900, and on October 25, 1901, this society was in charge of Dr. Brett's anniversary of the twenty-five years of his pastorate. Dr. Brett was vice-president and later president of the State Association, and delivered addresses before the Christian Endeavor audiences in about every county of the State. In 1901, the Hudson County Christian Endeavor Union named their summer home "Camp Brett" in his honor. So a decade later the Jersey Shade Commission named one of the city's breathing spots "Cornelius Brett Triangle." Dr. Brett was long a member of Gamma Sigma, the Jersey City Ministers' Association.

Dr. and Mrs. Brett were early members of the Aesthetic Society, and the Cosmos Club was a favorite with Dr. Brett. In 1882 he visited Europe; in 1898, upon the return of the Fourth Regiment, New Jersey National Guard, from the Spanish War he was appointed chaplain, an office he held for eight years, preaching his annual sermon from "Little Round Top" and another "to the boys" every May in his own church. He was retired under an act fixing the age of sixty-four as the limit of age for commissioned officers in the guard. His relations with the regiment were always most cordial, at the fu-

neral service previously referred to General Joseph H. Brensinger, his commander, paid a glowing tribute to Dr. Brett, "My spiritual advisor and my friend."

Dr. Brett took a deep interest in city politics, and could have been a candidate for mayor had he consented. His tour of Europe in 1882, taken with Mrs. Brett, covered a period of three months. In 1884, he attended the Grand Army National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in San Francisco, and toured the Northwest. A silver brick, presented him on his twenty-fifth anniversary, May 16, 1901, was devoted to a travel tour of the West Indies, including St. Thomas, where Dr. Brett's father preached in the early "forties." Dr. Brett had made the trip when but six weeks old in the barque, "Martin W. Brett," named for his grandfather, his mother dying in St. Thomas, where she was buried; sixty years later Dr. Brett revisited St. Thomas and preached in his father's old church. It was made a gala occasion, the few old folk remaining, their children and grandchildren still cherishing the memory of their old time pastor, and with flowers, presents, and attentions, honoring the son.

In 1895 Dr. Brett made the famous Clark "Friesland" tour of the Bermudas, Gibraltar, Malaga, Granada, the Alhambra, Algiers, Cairo, Joppa, Jerusalem, Constantinople, Vesuvius, and Pompeii, Switzerland, Italy, France, England, and Rome. He made a third voyage, touring Ireland and Scotland, and a fourth tour in 1912, doing particularly Holland and the Rhine, visiting Kleinstock in Switzerland, the home of John Muhliher, father of Dr. Brett's great-grandfather, Dr. Milledoler, this line being traced to the year 1540.

In October, 1910, Jersey City commemorated the two hundred and fiftieth anni-

versary of the founding of Bergen Reformed Church, one of the city's most important celebrations. The project to erect a monument to Peter Stuyvesant grew out of that celebration, and in 1911 Dr. Brett delivered the historical address at the dedication of the Statue to the old Governor.

On October 10, 1915, (October 9th really) Dr. and Mrs. Brent celebrated their Golden Wedding day, and in 1916 the Men's Club of the church were in charge of the exercises connected with the celebration of the Fortieth Anniversary of his pastorate. At the spring meeting of the classes of South Bergen on April 16, 1918, his relation was formally changed from pastor to pastor emeritus. Less than four years later he died, funeral services closing with "taps," being held in the church he had served so long, faithfully and well, February 27, 1922, at eleven o'clock in the morning, in the presence of a throng of mourning friends, and representatives of the church, the National Guard and the city of Jersey City. Addresses were made by Commissioner Harry Moore, Rev. E. L. Stoddard, pastor emeritus of St. John's Reformed Church, Rev. Thomas H. Mackenzie and General Joseph H. Brensinger. Dr. Stoddard said, in opening his address:

Dr. Brett came to this city in 1876, a very long time ago, almost before the echoes of the Civil War had died away. I followed him in March, 1877. He preceded me by some five months as a citizen of Jersey City, as he preceded me about two years in his coming into this world. In 1912, I preceded him, the only time in my life, in my retirement from active ministry; now he has again preceded me, passing into that higher, that divine, that more sacred and celestial ministry where in the fullness of joy we all hope to minister both to God and to our fellow-men.

Dr. Stoddard spoke of the delightful Christian fellowship that had always ex-

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isted between the two pastors of contiguous parishes and spoke of Dr. Brett as a man, "whole-souled," "kindly," "genial," "loyal and generous;" as a man of the home, a "devoted husband" and an "inestimable parent;" as a pastor, "earnest sympathetic" for "forty years making his way assiduously and lovingly into tens of thousands of homes as a benediction and a blessing;" as a preacher, "sane and sound"—"the windows of his soul always open to the new relations of God's truth; his mind always ready to welcome the light from the Celestial Father to the minds of Christians."

Rev. Thomas H. Mackenzie, D. D., president of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, paid tribute to the fallen comrade in the most eloquent manner. He referred to Dr. Brett as "one of the most useful ministers of the Reformed Church and one of the oldest." He said: "If I have to sum up his life in a single word, that word would be breadth. In art, in literature, in music, in the development of science, in the achievements of human intellect, the problems of philanthropy, in every part of human life he seemed to find that which interested him. He was broad not only in his interests, he was broad in his sympathy \* \* \* \* He did faithfully the work to which God had called him and to the church of which he had been made a minister. He served also with unceasing vitality the denomination of which he was a part. For many years he was the most influential member of its board of Domestic Missions and served on many commissions appointed by the General Synod for the performance of specific services."

Reverend Boyd Hunter, representing the Classis of Bergen pronounced the benediction. Taps were sounded and

soon the body of the beloved pastor was committed to the dust, in the family vault in Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn, New York.

In the great length of years that were vouchsafed Dr. Brett, he witnessed vast changes and great forward movements in every field of life, while his own strong personality, his high ideals and deep religious belief left their mark on the advancement of the church and charitable organizations with which he was connected. His good works were so far beyond counting, his patience and zeal so untiring, that it is not possible to express in words the beautiful and far-reaching influence which his life will have had upon all who knew him.

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### BRETT, Philip Milledoler,

#### Lawyer.

Philip M. Brett, son of Rev. Cornelius, a sketch of whom precedes this, and Helen B. (Runyon) Brett, was born in Newark, New Jersey, February 17, 1871. He prepared in Hasbrouck Institute, Jersey City, class of 1888, then passed to Rutgers College, where he was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Arts at graduation in 1892. He chose the profession of law and prepared at New York Law School, whence he was graduated with the degree of LL. B., class of 1894. He was admitted to the New York bar in 1894, and after a connection with the law firm, Kellogg, Rose & Smith, was admitted to a partnership in that firm in 1898. He has been continuously in practice during the quarter of a century which has since elapsed, being now a member of the law firm, Kellogg & Rose, located at No. 115 Broadway, New York City. He is president of the Edinburgh Realty



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Company and of the Preferred Mortgage Company.

While living in New Jersey, Mr. Brett enlisted in the National Guard of the State, serving for about eight years. He is a life trustee of Rutgers College, New Brunswick; a member of the Society of Colonial Wars; Sons of the Revolution; St. Nicholas Society; New York Historical Society; University Glee Club, which he has served as treasurer and vice-president, as well as president; the Delta Phi fraternity, and the University Club, of New York; the Down Town Association (New York); and West Side Tennis Club. He is a member of his father's old church, Bergen Reformed, of Jersey City.

Philip M. Brett married, February 27, 1906, at St. Paul, Minnesota, A. Margaret Strong, daughter of Freeman Poole and Margaret (Gray) Strong. Mr. and Mrs. Brett are the parents of two children: Margaret Gray, who was born July 1, 1907; and Philip Milledoler, Jr., who was born September 2, 1908.

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### SCHMITT, Jacob,

#### Mayor, Business Man.

Successful in individual endeavor and broadly useful in the public service, Jacob Schmitt is just now (1923) one of the prominent figures of Hudson county, New Jersey, being mayor of that thriving and progressive county of Secaucus. Mr. Schmitt has attained his own success, climbing from the bottom of the ladder by his own efforts, and all that he has won he has gained by the practical qualities of energy and persistence. A native of Germany, Mr. Schmitt, has been a resident of Hudson county for forty-five years, and is a son of Jacob and Margaret Schmitt, who came to this country as

young people and became honored and esteemed citizens.

Jacob Schmitt was born in Germany, November 24, 1866, and was only five years of age when he came with his parents to this country. His education was acquired in the public schools of New York, but beyond the common school course, he had no further advantages. When still a young man, he started in business for himself in the manufacture of soda and bottled beer at Union Hill and for fifteen years was engaged in this line of activity. He then opened a business in the suburbs of Secaucus, beginning the sale of masons' materials and supplies. From a modest beginning, Mr. Schmitt has developed a very extensive and prosperous business, which indeed is understood to be one of the largest, if not the largest, in the county in its field. He also has docks in Hackensack and handles a very extensive business along the waterways of this section. His equipment includes twelve five-ton trucks, and his plant and docks cover three and one-half acres of ground.

Mr. Schmitt has always been deeply interested in every branch of public advance, and as a member of the Democratic party, has been for years a popular leader in political affairs in this section. For sixteen years he served as a member of the Town Council of Secaucus, and he is now serving as mayor. His public service has revealed the same qualities of practical persistence and tireless effort which have counted so strongly for his individual success, and much has been done under his administration as mayor, which counts for the benefit of the people and progress of the community. Mr. Schmitt is president of the Secaucus Building and Loan Association, and in every movement which promises the bet-

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terment of the community, he is a leading figure. He is a member of the Democratic Club and very active in its work.

Jacob Schmitt married, at Union Hill, on June 14, 1893, Anna C. Stelter, daughter of Valentine and Margaret Stelter. Mr. and Mrs. Schmitt are the parents of two sons: Louis John, and John Jacob, both of whom are in business with their father.

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### ROBOTTOM, Arthur Haight,

**Banker.**

Throughout the entire period of his active career Arthur Haight Robottom has been identified with the New Jersey Title Guarantee and Trust Company, of which he is now assistant trust officer and assistant treasurer. Mr. Robottom is a grandson of James Robottom, a retired banker, who came from London, England, and went directly to Jersey City, New Jersey, where he resided to the time of his death, which occurred in 1917.

Arthur Haight Robottom was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, June 23, 1883, and received his education in the public schools of his native city. When he was seventeen years of age he entered the employ of the New Jersey Title Guarantee and Trust Company, as an office boy, and during the nearly a quarter of a century which has passed since that time he has been continuously identified with that institution. He has held practically all of the positions in the banking, safe deposit, and trust departments, and is recognized as an expert in his field. In December, 1920, he was made assistant trust officer, and in June, 1921, he was also made assistant treasurer. He is also an income tax accountant and general auditor. Mr. Robottom has won the confidence and esteem of his associates in a high degree,

and is well known as one of the most thoroughly well-informed bankers in Hudson county. He is an enthusiastic long-distance walker. His religious affiliation is with the Episcopal Protestant church.

On January 12, 1909, Arthur H. Robottom married Blanche Coykendall, who was born in Jersey City, daughter of Levi and Harriet Blanche (Gary) Coykendall, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Robottom are the parents of one son, James Arthur, who was born September 28, 1910.

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### PFLUG, Ferdinand J., M. D.,

**Physician, Hospital Official.**

A specialist of the eye, ear, nose and throat, whose achievements are commanding wide attention and from whom a brilliant future is expected in the profession is Dr. Ferdinand J. Pflug, whose training and natural ability combine to place him in the leading ranks of the medical profession. Dr. Pflug is a son of Oscar and Kate (Mayer) Pflug, of Hoboken, New Jersey, his father, who was born in Hoboken, active in the newspaper business in New York City with the Union News Company. The mother is a native of Elizabeth, New Jersey, and is also still living.

Ferdinand J. Pflug was born in Hoboken, New Jersey, in February, 1891. Receiving his education in the public high schools of his birth-place, he later entered Jefferson Medical College, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in the class of 1914 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Dr. Pflug deferred his private practice to accept the appointment as chief of clinic of laryngology and rhinology at Fordham University, and he served on the faculty of this institution until the year 1920, with the interruption of his military service.

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He was active as captain of the New Jersey State Militia, in the Medical Corps, attached to the 7th Battalion, until his discharge from the service, which occurred on January 15, 1919. Dr. Pflug opened an office in Hoboken in 1915 as a general practitioner, until 1920, when he opened his present office at No. 1106 Bloomfield street, as a specialist of the eye, ear and nose. Exhaustive research work on the throat, to which he has since given much time and attention, has added this organ to the list of his specialties. He is now also serving as surgeon in these specialties at the North Hudson Hospital, at Union, New Jersey, and his fame is rapidly growing. Dr. Pflug is a member of the American Medical Association, the Hudson County Medical Society, and the Hoboken Medical Society, and fraternally is affiliated with Euclid Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; and Hoboken Lodge No. 74, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is independent in political convictions, and attends St. Paul's Church of Hoboken, New Jersey.

Dr. Pflug married, in November, 1915, at Jersey City, Edith Milligan, who was born in Hoboken, and is a daughter of David and Jane (Johnson) Milligan, both living, the father prominent in the lumber business in New York City. Dr. and Mrs. Pflug are the parents of two children: David Lloyd; and Kathleen Ruth.

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### **BESSON, Harlan,**

#### **Counsellor-at-Law.**

Leading attorney and counsellor-at-law of Hoboken, New Jersey, whose professional career has already covered a period of some fourteen years, and who has won large success in his chosen field of activity, serving at present as assistant United States attorney in the Jersey City district, is a member of an old New Jersey family,

and a son of Samuel A. and Belle R. Besson, his father a distinguished lawyer and United States commissioner.

Harlan Besson was born in Hoboken, New Jersey, July 1, 1887. His education was begun in Public School No. 6, of Hoboken, New Jersey, and following his high school course, which was also covered in his native city, he entered Rutgers College with the class of 1907, but attended only three years. Then, having long since determined upon his choice of a profession, he entered the New York Law School, from which he was graduated in the class of 1908. Mr. Besson was admitted to the bar of his native State as an attorney in June, 1909, and as counsellor in June, 1912. Beginning practice before the close of the year 1909, he early gained a foothold in his profession, and has gone steadily forward to large success, developing an extensive and lucrative practice, and is now counted among the noteworthy professional men of the metropolitan district. A Republican by political affiliation, Mr. Besson was brought forward in the public service in the year 1914, when he was elected town attorney for the town of Secaucus, and he served in this capacity until the year 1921, inclusive. He was appointed assistant United States attorney in 1921, in which capacity he now serves.

On June 17, 1908, Mr. Besson enlisted in the Essex Troop, 1st Troop Cavalry, New Jersey National Guard, serving as private for three years. In December, 1909, he was commissioned second lieutenant, Company H., 4th New Jersey Infantry, National Guard. In May, 1913, he was commissioned first lieutenant, 4th New Jersey Infantry, National Guard, and in 1916, served on the Mexican Border at Douglas, Arizona, with his regiment.

On April 4, 1917, two days before our



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entry into the World War, he was commissioned captain of Company H, 4th New Jersey Infantry, National Guard. He was called into service with his regiment on April 12, 1917. Upon reorganization the bulk of this regiment became, in October, 1917, the 3rd Brigade, 113th Infantry, 29th Division, United States army. After the reorganization, Captain Besson served several months in the 54th Depot Brigade, and was then assigned to the command of Company G, 113th Infantry, at Anniston, Alabama. In June, 1918, he went overseas with this command, and on July 25, 1918, was transferred to G-3 Section, General Staff, 5th Army Corps, at Remiremont, France, subsequently in August, 1918, he was assigned as first assistant to G-3, General Staff, 92nd Division, and served with this organization in the St. Die sector in the Argonne-Meuse battle, and in the Marbache sector. After the armistice he returned to the United States with this Division and was honorably discharged at Camp Meade, Maryland, on March 17, 1919.

Fraternally he is a member of Euclid Lodge, No. 136, Free and Accepted Masons; Reliable Council, No. 169, Junior Order United American Mechanics; and Hoboken Lodge, No. 74, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the Army and Navy Club of America, Essex Troop Association, Masonic Club of Hoboken, New Jersey, and the Hoboken Tennis Club. His religious affiliation is with the First Presbyterian Church, of Hoboken, New Jersey.

Mr. Besson married, in Frenchtown, New Jersey, May 15, 1913, Addie Case, daughter of Elijah R. and Jane Case. Mr. and Mrs. Besson are the parents of two children: Roberta, born September 19, 1914; Lois, born December 26, 1922, deceased.

### FITZGERALD, Harold,

**Educator, Prominent Citizen.**

A prominent figure in Hudson county, New Jersey, and affiliated with one of the foremost educational institutions in its field in this State, Harold Fitzgerald is an interesting and broadly efficient executive, and his activities bear a direct relation to the general advance. His part in the recent World War brought him in touch with many phases of present day progress, and had to do with vital matters incident to that struggle.

Harold Fitzgerald was born in Sheffield, England, May 21, 1890. His education was begun in his native city and continued at Bristol, England. Coming to the United States in January, 1914, Mr. Fitzgerald spent some months in tentative activities, looking toward a permanent field of endeavor in which to map out his career. The precipitation of war conditions in Europe soon put an end to all personal plans, and he went at once and volunteered his services in the British army on August 7, 1914. He was sent to German East Africa in January, 1915, and served there under General Tighe and General Smutz. Leaving Dare-Salaam, in December, 1916, he reported for duty with the Egyptian Expeditionary Forces, and served under General Sir Archibald Murray and General Lord Allenby. In February, 1918, he left Egypt for France, where he was wounded during the big March drive of 1918. Following his military activities Mr. Fitzgerald returned to the United States, where he became affiliated with the World Technical Institute, of which he is now general manager. This institution is one of the standard correspondence schools of the day; finely officered and numbering on its faculty some of the foremost men in the special studies covered. For this is a

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school which has departed quite definitely from the too frequently adopted policy of teaching anything desired by the student. The World Technical Institute specializes on navigation and electricity. In the department of navigation, which is under the direction of Captain Warren Sheppard, the Institute has brought together a rarely complete and comprehensive course which is recommended by the highest authorities on the subject. Indeed their course on navigation is used by the United States navy for the personal instruction of enlisted men. The officers of the World Technical Institute saw the trend of international affairs and the inevitable impetus to be gained therefrom by the United States Merchant Marine. Upon the crying need of to-morrow as clearly visioned in the immediate future, they built this universally significant structure of educational attainment, and its history thus far is all that the most sanguine expectations could have outlined.

The World Technical Institute has developed even more widely, because the demand is more universal, its department of electricity. The director of this branch is R. George Streuber, whose career has been one of large responsibility in affiliation for many years with the leading electrical concerns of the world. Mr. Streuber began life with a splendid educational equipment along the line of his specialty, and was successively active in the employ of the New York Electrical School, as instructor, in the employ of the New York Edison Company, as draftsman, the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company, of East Pittsburgh, as layout draftsman in the switchboard engineering department, and the National Conduit & Cable Company, of Hastings-on-Hudson, as electrical engineer. A genius by

the gift of nature, with this splendid equipment of experience, Mr. Streuber has, with his associates, arranged the most comprehensive electrical course, including full preparation for every field of advance to which electricity has been applied. Not only do these courses cover the mechanical phases of electrical advance, but they prepare students for creative work, grounding them in the fundamental principles of electrical application and fitting them to develop new ideas and handle the greatest problems of the day in the field of electricity with success. In fact, the World Technical Institute holds a unique and largely praiseworthy position in the modern field of correspondence education.

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### TENNANT, George Grant,

#### Lawyer, Jurist.

George Grant Tennant of Jersey City, was born in that city, February 1, 1869. He attended Public School No. 1, under the tutelage of its first principal, George H. Linsley, and afterwards the Jersey City High School. Later he entered Columbia College Law School, from which he graduated in 1891. He became managing clerk in the office of Babbitt & Lawrence and was admitted as an attorney in 1892, and as a counsellor in 1895. In 1900, 1901 and 1902, he served as a member of Assembly from Hudson county, and in the latter two years was minority candidate for speaker and leader of his party. He served as a member and as president of the Board of Education in Jersey City from 1907 to 1913. It was during his service and under his special direction that the Technical and Industrial High School was established. He was appointed by Woodrow Wilson as president judge of the Court of Common

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Pleas of Hudson county in 1913, and since his retirement in 1918, he has been engaged in the general practice of the law at No. 15 Exchange place.

Mr. Tennant's fraternal memberships are in Bergen Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Unique Council, Royal Arcanum, of which he has been regent; and Jersey City Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is one of the ruling elders of the First Presbyterian Church of Jersey City, and is also a member of the Hudson County Historical Society, the Carteret Club, as well as the Medical Jurisprudence Society, and the Lotos Club, in New York City.

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### CONWAY, John,

**Ex-Mayor, Building Contractor.**

In construction circles in Hudson county, New Jersey, John Conway is largely prominent as the head of a leading marble construction concern and also as an extensive dealer and operator in real estate. Coming to the United States from his native Scotland upon attaining his majority, Mr. Conway has built his own success in the land of his adoption. Mr. Conway is a son of Henry Conway, who was born in Ireland and later went to Scotland, where he was active until his death in the gas business. The mother, Annie (O'Hara) Conway, was born in Scotland, and is also now deceased.

John Conway was born in Nilestone, Scotland, February 2, 1858. Receiving a practical education in the public schools of his native land, he had some business experience there as a youth, then, at the age of twenty-one years, sailed for America, landing in New York City. Shortly securing a position with the American Gas Heater Company, he was active thus for about four years, when he came to

Union Hill, New Jersey, and entered the field of building construction. He was active along this line for a number of years as a contractor and in the course of that period built thirty-two houses. He then took up a special line of production allied with the building trades in the manufacture of stationary washtubs. This he carried forward for a number of years, then, in 1892, became one of the organizers of the Union Granite Company, of which he was made president. He was active in this connection for about twelve years, and in 1904 organized the Structural Supply Company for the handling of New York slate and marble and the carrying forward of general marble construction work, also buildings of many kinds. This enterprise has become one of the foremost in its field, and as president of the concern, Mr. Conway holds a leading position in the community of Weehawken, New Jersey. In 1920 he founded a real estate and insurance business here and carries forward both interests at the present time. He is doing much in real estate development in the vicinity of Weehawken and Union Hill, and as a builder of homes for the people has won wide recognition.

From time to time, Mr. Conway has held executive responsibilities in various organizations allied with his business activities. From 1894 to 1896, inclusive, he served as president of the Hamilton Realty and Guarantee Company, and since 1900 has been president of the Metallic Wash Tub Cover Company. During the years 1909 and 1911, inclusive, he was president of the First National Bank of Weehawken, of which he is still a stockholder. Mr. Conway's position in the world of industry and commerce early brought him into prominence in this section and he was sought for the public ser-







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vice as far back as 1890. At that time he was elected a member of the Town Council of Weehawken and served for one year. In 1891 he was elected mayor of the borough of Union and served for a similar period. He was again elected to the council in 1896 and served for two years. His public service was marked by the same qualities of energy, common sense and forward vision which have given him such marked success in his individual enterprise, and while he has in recent years declined further responsibilities of a public nature, he is frequently sought in an advisory capacity, and his judgment is highly esteemed by those now administering the affairs of the people. A Democrat by political affiliation, he was formerly a member of the various Democratic organizations of Union Hill. Fraternally, he is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Columbus. He is affiliated with the St. Augustus Church of Union Hill, New Jersey.

Mr. Conway married, in New York City, on March 26, 1883, Mary E. Foley, who was born in New York City, daughter of John and Mary (Walsh) Foley, both now deceased. Her father was a meter maker by trade. Mr. and Mrs. Conway are the parents of five children: John H.; Joseph; James; Mary, now Mrs. O'Hara; and Annie, now Mrs. Koch.

### **MACKEY, Richard Joseph,**

**Lawyer, Naval Officer in World War.**

Every phase of progress to-day depends upon the well-equipped, forward-looking young man to carry along with ever upward trend the activities which have come to be considered as fundamental in our complex modern existence. The county of Hudson, in the State of New Jersey,

feels a justifiable pride in the group of young men who have within recent years taken up the profession of the law, for in their constructive activities the future of the county, the commonwealth and the nation depends. Richard Joseph Mackey is a thoroughly representative figure in this group and his success is counting for the general advance.

\*Mr. Mackey comes of an old and honored family, his grandfather, Thomas Mackey, having been a captain in the British Royal army, meeting his death in the service in Australia. A great uncle, Captain Michael Mackey, received the Congressional Medal of Honor during the Civil War for saving a comrade during one of the battles of the war. He lived in Philadelphia and there died in 1908.

James Thomas Mackey, son of Thomas Mackey, and father of Richard Joseph Mackey, is a noted educator of the present day. Professor Mackey is now principal of Public School No. 34, of Jersey City, and was formerly professor of Latin and Greek in the Jersey City High School. He has done much for the advance of educational matters in the local schools, and holds the highest standards in his present responsible position. He married Margaret Ann Allen, and they had a son, Richard Joseph, of further mention.

Richard Joseph Mackey was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, September 19, 1892. His education was begun in Public School No. 21, of this city, from which he was graduated in the class of June, 1904, his course at high school closing with his graduation in the class of June, 1908. Taking up the usual liberal arts course at Columbia College, he received his Bachelor's degree in the arts from that institution in June, 1912, then after two years of post-graduate work, received his Master's degree in the arts from the same



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institution. Meanwhile having taken up his professional preparations at Columbia Law School, he received his Bachelor's degree in law in the class of June, 1914. Mr. Mackey was admitted to the bar of the State of New York, in June, 1915, to the New Jersey bar as attorney, in June, 1919, and as counsellor, in June, 1922. He has now been in active practice since the summer of 1915, and has won an enviable position in his chosen field of professional endeavor. In connection with his private practice he acts as associate counsel with Edmund L. Mooney, for the Chemical National Bank of New York City. He also is, and for three years has been, a director of the Phoenix Loan and Building Association of Jersey City, and in legal circles in the metropolitan district is counted among the broadly successful young men of the day.

Mr. Mackey is more widely known, without doubt, through his naval service during the trying period of the World War. He enlisted in the United States navy as seaman, in August, 1917, and was sent to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, for a four month's course, in May of the following year, this course ending September 1, 1918. Within that month he received his commission as ensign, and he thereafter served as deck officer on the transport, United States Steamship "Manchuria." Plying between Hoboken, New York, and Brest, France, Ensign Mackey was active in the transport service from September, 1918, until March 1, 1919, when he received his honorable discharge from the service. His was a distinguished record which has found a permanent place in the histories of the time. Many organized lines of advance claim a share of Mr. Mackey's attention and support. He is a member of the Jersey City Council,

Knights of Columbus; the War Society of Cruiser and Transport Force; the New York City Bar Association; the New York County Lawyers' Club; the Columbia University Chapter of the Sigma Nu fraternity; the Columbia University Club of New York; the Newman Club (Columbia), of which he is a member of the board of governors; the New Jersey Columbia Alumni Association; the Columbia Law Alumni Association; and the Delta Theta Phi fraternity. His leisure interests include all out-door sports, and he was active on the swimming and cross-country teams at Columbia. He is an expert swimmer and takes great delight in this sport. Mr. Mackey's religious affiliation is with St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church of Jersey City, and he is a leading member of the Holy Name Society of this church.

Richard Joseph Mackey married, in Jersey City, New Jersey, on July 1, 1920, Anna Mercedes O'Brien, daughter of Patrick and Elizabeth (Neville) O'Brien, of this city.

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### DOW, Frank Moulton,

#### **Bank Official.**

From errand boy to the responsible official position of assistant treasurer of the New Jersey Title Guarantee and Trust Company, of Jersey City, is the record of Frank Moulton Dow to the present time (1923). Since the completion of his high school course he has been identified with that same institution and his faithfulness and ability have contributed much to the advancement of the interests of the Bergen branch.

Frank M. Dow, father of Mr. Dow, was born in Boscawen, New Hampshire, and died at the age of fifty years, in Brooklyn, New York, where he was engaged in

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business as a shoe dealer. He married Emma Lorenda Sibley, and they are the parents of three children: Clinton S., who is engaged in business as a broker in New York City; Frederick C., also engaged in the brokerage business in New York City; and Frank Moulton, of further mention.

Frank Moulton Dow, son of Frank M. and Emma Lorenda (Sibley) Dow, was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, January 18, 1889, and removed to Jersey City with his parents when he was about six years of age. He received his education in the public schools of Jersey City, graduated from Public School No. 12, in June, 1903, and then attended high school for a time. He terminated his course in the high school to begin his active career and secured a position as errand boy in the New Jersey Title Guarantee and Trust Company, located at No. 83 Montgomery street, in Jersey City. He was energetic, willing and faithful, and had determined to become thoroughly familiar with the banking business. Promotion came, and after a time he was made receiving teller and later assistant paying teller of the bank. In 1913 he was transferred to the Bergen branch of the New Jersey Title Guarantee and Trust Company as paying teller, and later was made assistant treasurer, which responsible position he continues to hold at the present time (1923). His entire active career has been devoted to the interests of this one financial institution, which is one of the strongest and best of its kind in the State, and he has won in a high degree the confidence of his associates in business and also of his many friends with whom he is associated in other connections. In earlier years Mr. Dow was devoted to the game of football, and both on the gridiron and on the side lines, found much of healthful exercise and of absorbingly in-

teresting recreation. During the later years he has become a golf enthusiast and is often found on the links. His club is the Carteret Club, of which he has been a member for the past twelve years; his religious affiliation is with the Bergen Baptist Church.

In Jersey City, New Jersey, October 8, 1912, Frank Moulton Dow married Carol Ella Evarts, who was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, daughter of Charles E. and Ella M. (Van Loan) Evarts, the former of whom is now identified with the First National Bank of Jersey City. Mr. and Mrs. Dow are the parents of one daughter, Dorothy Janet, who was born in Jersey City, February 9, 1915.

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### MORLEY, Grace (Clark),

#### Physician.

A noteworthy figure in the professional world of Hudson county, New Jersey, is Dr. Grace (Clark) Morley, who has attained a large success in her chosen profession and is considered one of the leading physicians in Hudson county. She is a daughter of William H. Clark, who was born in the State of Iowa, and is now at the head of a prominent machine business in Hoboken, New Jersey, under the title of the Clark Machine Works. The mother, Mary E. (Birkett) Clark, was born in Brooklyn, New York, and is also still living.

Dr. Morley was born in New Haven, Connecticut. The family removed to Hudson county, New Jersey, in her childhood, and she attended the public and high schools of Hoboken, later entering the New York Medical College and Hospital for Women, from which she was graduated in the class of 1914 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Before the close of the same year, Dr. Morley entered

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upon the practice of her profession, with offices at No. 1302 Garden street, Hoboken, then removed to No. 1206 Garden street, later removing to her present location, No. 922 Hudson street. She has won her way against competition and the few remaining shreds of prejudice, which in this day of opportunity for women still linger in the minds of some people, and now holds a very high standing in the profession, commanding the esteem and respect of her colleagues of every school of practice. Dr. Morley is a member of the American Medical Association, the New Jersey State Medical Society, and the Hudson County Medical Society, is identified with the Hoboken Chamber of Commerce, and bears a part in all local advance. During the World War she served with the Life Extension Institute, of New York City, as examining physician. She is affiliated with the Women's Club, of Hoboken, and attends the First Baptist Church of Hoboken.

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### ISBILLS, James H.,

**Lawyer.**

The list of Hudson county's representative members of the legal profession would not be complete without the name of James H. Isbills, who since the beginning of his active career has been located in Jersey City, New Jersey. He is now trust officer of the New Jersey Title Guarantee and Trust Company, and is also taking care of a large and important general practice. Mr. Isbills is a son of Edmond and Frances E. Isbills, the first mentioned of whom is a retired builder and contractor of English ancestry.

Born in Bayonne, New Jersey, November 12, 1869, James H. Isbills received his earliest school training in the public schools of Bayonne, New Jersey, and then

became a student in Hasbrouck Institute (which was located at No. 109 Grand street, Jersey City), from which he was graduated in June, 1886. He then studied law with the late chancellor, Alexander T. McGill, but when he became chancellor, Mr. Isbills continued with Isaac S. Taylor, of Jersey City, the former law partner of Chancellor McGill, and, after his admission to the bar, he became associated with Mr. Taylor in the practice of law, which association continued until 1904. On October 1, 1904, he became assistant title officer of the New Jersey Title Guarantee and Trust Company, located at No. 83-85 Montgomery street, Jersey City, and on May 1, 1906, he was made title officer of that company. For seven years he continued to efficiently discharge the duties of the last named office, and on March 1, 1913, he was made trust officer of the company, which important and responsible office he still holds. Mr. Isbills is well known in banking circles in Hudson county, and is highly esteemed both among his professional associates and among his many personal friends. He finds healthful recreation in automobiling and in other outdoor activities, and he is a member of the Carteret Club, of Jersey City. His religious affiliation is with the First Reformed Church of Bayonne, New Jersey.

On October 9, 1895, at Bayonne, New Jersey, James H. Isbills married Elizabeth Geery, daughter of William and Mary E. (Havens) Geery, and they are the parents of one son, Edmond G. Isbills, who was born December 21, 1897.

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### LEEGER, Will,

**Realtor.**

The realty business is a very trying line of activity, but Will Leeger has made





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an easy conquest in this field and established a company which has become one of the leading enterprises of Hudson county, New Jersey. In the list of Hudson county's prominent and successful business men, he is entitled to a prime position.

Will Leeger was born in Hoboken, New Jersey, October 8, 1885. He is the son of Charles and Charlotte (Auhagan) Leeger, the father long and successfully engaged in the wholesale mineral water business in New Jersey, whose untimely death, at the age of forty years, occurred in 1891. The mother, at the present time (1923) is residing in Weehawken Heights.

After receiving a primary education in the public schools of Union Hill, New Jersey, Will Leeger completed his preparations for the business sphere by attending the Mechanics' Institute in New York City, where he learned the rudiments of the heating and engineering business. He was first engaged by the Western Electric Company, in whose employ he remained for about four years, as assistant to the secretary, H. B. Thayer, who is now president of the American Telephone Company. After severing his connection with that corporation he became identified with the heating business, for which his two-year course at the Mechanics' Institute had so well equipped him. He followed this trade until 1908, and in that year established himself in Grantwood, New Jersey, as a realtor and builder. Mr. Leeger remained in Grantwood in that capacity for fourteen years, at the end of which time, in January, 1922, he removed to West Hoboken, in the northern part of Hudson county, New Jersey, where he has built up an enviable reputation for his honest business methods and fair dealing, which two attributes have been the prime factors in his steadily increasing business.

His friends are legion, and he is esteemed, not only by his business associates, but by all who have made his acquaintance through either social or civic intercourse.

Will Leeger is a very influential man in Hudson county, and besides being the owner of a successful and prosperous business, he is a notary public. Politically he is a member of the Republican party, to which party he is a strict adherent. In addition to his responsibilities of a civic and business nature, Mr. Leeger is also an active member of the Real Estate Board of Hudson County, the Multiple Listing Exchange, and the Real Estate League of New Jersey. He is the organizer of the Humanitarian Society in the Eastern States, the purpose of which is to have all State hospitals conducted in accordance with our American ideals.

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### OCKFORD, John Wyse,

Lawyer.

With offices both in New York and in Jersey City, John Wyse Ockford, attorney and counsellor-at-law, stands well in his profession, and is commanding a growing practice.

The pioneer of the Ockford family in America was Samuel Ockford, an architect by profession. Dr. George Morgan Ockford, his son and Mr. Ockford's father, was born in London, England, March 29, 1845. He practiced his profession until his death, which occurred June 26, 1921, in the seventy-seventh year of his age. Dr. Ockford married Mary E. L. Horne, who was born in Middletown, Connecticut, January 16, 1852, and died in Ridgewood, New Jersey, December 30, 1903. They have two children now living: Florence M., and John Wyse, of this review.



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John Wyse Ockford was born at Revere, Massachusetts, September 27, 1885. His education was begun in Lexington, Kentucky, and he was graduated from the Ridgewood, New Jersey, schools in 1899. He is also a graduate of the Ridgewood High School, class of 1903, and having chosen the law as his field of professional effort, he entered New York University School of Law, from which he was graduated in the class of 1905, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Admitted to the bar of New York in 1907, he practiced in New York City for eight years exclusively, then was admitted to the New Jersey bar in 1915, and opened his present office at No. 358 Central avenue, Jersey City, still however, retaining his office in New York. He was admitted to the New Jersey bar as a counsellor in 1918, and has also been admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, and the Federal Courts of New York and New Jersey. His New York office is located at No. 115 Broadway. Mr. Ockford handles a general legal practice. He is a Democrat in political affiliation. During the World War Mr. Ockford served on two legal advisory boards, and in home war activities. His interests outside of his profession include chess, athletic sports, and literary pursuits. He is a member of the Roman Catholic church.

Mr. Ockford married, on June 3, 1913, in New York City, Mary F. Vaughey, who was born at Verplanck Point, New York, daughter of Bernard and Elizabeth (Keenan) Vaughey, both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Ockford are the parents of three children: Elizabeth Marchant, born November 7, 1915; Margaret Wyse, born February 17, 1919; and William Vaughey, born July 15, 1923. The family resides at Ridgewood, New Jersey.

**VALLE, Gaston G. L.,**

**Bank Official.**

A community is measured and judged by the institutions which it supports, and in nothing is the prosperity of the people more clearly evident than in the condition and growth of the institutions which handle its financial affairs. In the Union Trust Company, of Bayonne, New Jersey, this rapidly growing municipality has an exponent of its increasing importance which is attracting wide attention. Mr. Valle, of this institution, has been identified with it for nearly ten years, and although still a young man, stands among the leading financial executives of the day in Hudson county.

Gaston G. L. Valle was born in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and is a son of Louis Valle, who is connected with the Public Service Corporation, and of Louise (Hiles) Valle, of Philadelphia. He received his education in the public schools of Philadelphia and of East Orange, and after his graduation from the East Orange High School, found his first employment with the People's Bank of East Orange. Later he became associated with the Clinton Trust Company of Newark, which connection he maintained until the time he began his connection with the department of banking and insurance of the State of New Jersey. In 1914 he became officially connected with the Union Trust Company of New Jersey, in the capacity of assistant-treasurer, and in February, 1923, when the Union Trust Company was consolidated with the Hudson County National Bank, under the title of the Union Trust and Hudson County National Bank, he was made assistant-cashier of the latter organization. At the time of this consolidation the bank established a new branch at Jackson and Kear-

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ney avenues, Jersey City, and Mr. Valle was placed in charge, his appointment a recognition of administrative ability that brought with it broadened opportunities for effective service. The early months of the new branch's existence have shown gratifying results and Mr. Valle has given himself to its direction with energetic industry. In addition to the responsibilities of the position already mentioned, Mr. Valle has served as a member of the Sinking Fund Commission of Bayonne, New Jersey, for three years, and has been re-elected for another three-year term. He gives his support to the principles and the candidates of the Republican party. Mr. Valle's religious affiliation is with St. Henry's Roman Catholic Church.

Gaston G. L. Valle married, at East Orange, New Jersey, September 3, 1912, Clara Bitter, daughter of Frederick J. and Elizabeth (Korbet) Bitter. Mr. and Mrs. Valle are the parents of one daughter, Helene.

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### SEGCEL, Otto Frederick,

#### Lawyer.

Born and reared in Jersey City, New Jersey, and for the past eighteen years active in the practice of law in New York City, Otto Frederick Seggel has also practiced his profession in Jersey City during the greater part of that time, and he now holds high standing in professional circles in the East. His training was unusually comprehensive, and his experience had added largely to his knowledge of the law.

Mr. Seggel is a son of L. F. Seggel, who was born in Bavaria, Germany, and came to America in 1866, locating in New York City. About two years later the father removed to Hudson City, which later was consolidated with Jersey City, where he

has since resided, and for many years was a successful wine merchant. He is now retired from business activity. The mother, Ida (Hartwich) Seggel, was born in New York City, the daughter of George Hartwich, a pioneer settler of Hudson City, and of Dorothy (De Luce) Hartwich, a direct descendant of the Huguenots. She is also the sister of Herman Hartwich, who won fame as a landscape artist both here and abroad. Of the twelve children born to L. F. and Ida (Hartwich) Seggel, seven are now living, of whom three reside in Hudson county, New Jersey. These children are: Julia, wife of Henry Stein; Margaret, wife of Charles Peter; Otto Frederick, of further mention; Clara, single; Louis W., a resident of Oregon, and professor of history in the high schools of Independence, in that State; Ida, wife of Alexander Wait, of Eldred, New York; and Emily, wife of Herman Ammann, of Basel, Switzerland.

Otto Frederick Seggel was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, December 20, 1879. He was graduated from the Hudson City Academy in the class of 1893, then attended the high schools of Jersey City for two years. He prepared for college at Cascadilla School, at Ithaca, New York, and was graduated from that institution in the class of 1899. In the fall of the same year he entered Princeton University. He then took up his professional preparations at the School of Political Science and Law of Columbia University, New York City. Admitted to the New York bar in 1905, Mr. Seggel began the practice of law in the metropolis shortly thereafter. During the first two years of his experience Mr. Seggel acted as attorney for the New York Legal Aid Society, and from this beginning he won the confidence of an influential clientele. In 1910 he was admitted to the bar of New

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Jersey. For many years Mr. Seggel has specialized in the law of taxation, State as well as Federal. He handles his entire practice personally, and with offices at No. 358 Central avenue, Jersey City, is one of the well known figures of the day in legal circles. He is a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association, secretary of the Hudson County Princeton Alumni Association, a member of the Columbia Law School Alumni Association, and Princeton Club of New York, and fraternally he is a member of Bergen Lodge, No. 47, Free and Accepted Masons, and of Metuchen Council, Royal Arcanum. He is also a member of the 12th Ward Democratic Club of Hudson county. During the World War he served as a member of the Legal Advisory Board of the Local Draft Board of the eighth and ninth districts of Jersey City, and of the Local Draft Board of Metuchen. Mr. Seggel chooses his recreations in the out-door world, is interested in all out door sports, and takes especial pleasure in gardening and chicken raising at his delightful Metuchen home. He is a member of the Reformed church.

Mr. Seggel married, on October 20, 1909, Mabel Stilwell, of Matawan, New Jersey, and they are the parents of two children: Richard Louis, born January 11, 1914; and Charlotte Holmes, born January 11, 1917. Mrs. Seggel is a daughter of William H. and Lilian (Davis) Stilwell, of Matawan, New Jersey, both members of prominent families of that section.

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### BRUGLER, George Earl,

#### Lawyer.

Not only has Mr. Brugler achieved success in his chosen profession, the practice of law, but he also occupies important ex-

ecutive position with two of Hoboken's large industrial establishments, being president of the Stearns-Knight Automobile Company, of West Hoboken, and serving the Natural Products Company in the same capacity; he is also a director of the Alert Novelty Company of West New York.

Mr. Brugler is a son of Andrew R. and Rosa (Kelso) Brugler, both of whom are living at Columbia, Warren county, New Jersey, near which village he was born May 8, 1891, on his father's farm. George Earl Brugler's early education was obtained in the public schools in Warren county and the high school at Portland, Pennsylvania. Later he graduated from the Normal School at East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, with the class of 1911, and after one year of teaching as principal of the Clove Grammar School, Montague, New Jersey, he entered New York Law School, being graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1916. He began a law clerkship with the firm of Weller & Lichtenstein, in Hoboken, in 1913. On being admitted to the New Jersey bar in 1916, he began his practice with the firm with whom he studied. Since January, 1920, he has maintained his own office. His present practice is along general lines and he fills a place of responsibility in his profession.

He assumes an independent position in politics. He entered the United States army early in 1918, at Rhode Island State College, Kingston, Rhode Island, to receive special training. He was transferred to Camp Devens, Massachusetts, as a corporal and later to Camp Meigs, Washington, District of Columbia, where he was a student officer and about to receive his commission at the time the armistice, terminating the World War, was signed. He was honorably dis-



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charged in December, 1918. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Union Hill, New Jersey. He is a member of the Hudson County Bar Association, the Young Men's Christian Association of Hoboken, and belongs to the Mystic Tie Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Union Hill. His recreations are found in photography, motoring, fishing and hunting, and other out-door interests.

Mr. Brugler was married, July 24, 1917, at Portland, Pennsylvania, to Ruth C. Weidman, daughter of James and Annie (Brands) Weidman, the father being a banker. One child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Brugler, Earl R., born April 18, 1921. While Mr. Brugler has his office in Hoboken, he maintains a home in Weehawken.

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### RICCA, Ettore F.,

#### Musician.

Few men of the younger Italian-American group in West Hoboken, New Jersey, have attained a more noteworthy position than Ettore F. Ricca, who is a recognized teacher of the piano and voice, and is now director of the West Hoboken Choral Society. Mr. Ricca is a son of Salvivo Ricca, who was born in Italy and is now a respected citizen of West Hoboken, and of Giovanna (Zegna) Ricca, who was also born in Italy and is still living, a resident of West Hoboken.

Ettore F. Ricca was born at Novara, Occhieppo, Italy, August 13, 1898. Following his primary school education, which was received in his native Italy, Mr. Ricca came to the United States with his parents at the age of eight years, the family settling at once at West Hoboken, where he attended the grammar schools. From childhood he had shown a great taste for music, and the early develop-

ment of his talent was encouraged by his instructors, who persuaded his parents to prepare him for a career in this field. The wisdom of this course the young man has amply proved within the few years in which he has actively been engaged as a musical professor. He took a course at the German Conservatory of Music, in New York City (now the New York American Conservatory of Music). There he studied piano under some of the foremost instructors of the day, including August Fraemcke. Through his work at the Conservatory and under private instruction, Mr. Ricca became a brilliant performer on the piano, and his early appearances in public were received with great enthusiasm. He began teaching the piano in the year 1914 and has had wonderful success. His vocal training has covered a period of several years, and has been carried forward under the direction of the foremost instructors of the East. Still a very young man, Mr. Ricca is looked upon as one of the coming artists of the metropolitan district, and his future seems assured. He was at the head of piano department at the Palm Beach Conservatory of Music for two years, and also taught music at the Palm Beach Private School for two years. He recently became an authorized teacher of the "Progressive Series of Piano Lessons," which is edited and under the personal supervision of such artists as Leopold Godowsky, Josef Hofmann, Emil Sauer, Stillman Kelly, and others. This system of teaching the piano is being adopted in the leading conservatories all over the country.

Mr. Ricca has few interests except of a professional nature, and in public affairs holds an independent position, taking only the interest of the progressive citizen in

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political matters. He is a member of the Catholic church.

Mr. Ricca married, on June 5, 1921, at West Hoboken, Madeline Godio, who was born in Philadelphia, and is a daughter of August and Antoinette Godio, her father a sculptor, now residing in Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Ricca are the parents of one child: Robert, born August 6, 1922.

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### LEONCAVALLO, John,

**Real Estate Operator, Musician.**

From the business of selling music to the business of buying, selling and insuring houses and lands is the record of John Leoncavallo. Both in Italy and in this country his selling experience has been gained and he is an expert in that field.

Born in Italy, in 1896, Mr. Leoncavallo received his education in the public schools and also in the private schools of his native district. When his school training was completed, he, at a very early age, became a salesman. He was able and vigorous, and by the time he was twenty-five years of age he realized that his opportunity for a successful business career would be much larger in America. In 1914 he came to the United States, where he found employment with the Universal Society, Inc., of New York City, in whose employ he remained until 1917, as a salesman of musical goods. In 1922 he opened an office at No. 127 Clinton avenue, West Hoboken, and engaged in the real estate and insurance business with his brother. During the two years which have passed since he engaged in the buying and selling of real estate property, Mr. Leoncavallo has built up an extensive business, and there is every prospect that in the future his business will continue to expand. He is one of those men sometimes called "born salesmen," who are

successful in disposing of whatever line of goods they undertake to handle, and even in the short time in which he has been established in West Hoboken, he has bought and sold many pieces of property and dealt with a great number of people. He makes friends readily, and already he is well known and highly esteemed among a host of business associates and personal friends. Politically Mr. Leoncavallo gives his support to no organized political party.

During the World War Mr. Leoncavallo took an active part with his regiment band and orchestra, and was an important factor in the work which carried his community "over the top." When he enlisted for service he was attached to the United States Army Band and stationed for a time at Fort Slocum, then at other camps throughout the country, where he gave concerts, entertained the soldiers, played for parades, etc. Fraternally Mr. Leoncavallo is affiliated with the Order of Eagles; of West Hoboken Lodge, Foresters of America; and also with the Sons of Italy. He is also a member of the real estate board of Hudson county. His religious affiliation is with St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church of West Hoboken.

Mr. Leoncavallo married, on April 24, 1921, Cesarina Rocca, in West Hoboken, and they have one child, Aldo Nicholas, born February 8, 1922.

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### CAPELLI, George Anthony, LL. B.,

**Lawyer, Veteran of World War.**

In the younger group of professional men in Hudson county, New Jersey, George Anthony Capelli, of Jersey City, holds a broadly prominent place in addition to his legal activities, bearing a part in the public service and being widely







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connected in fraternal circles. He is a veteran of the World War, and a locally noted athlete. Mr. Capelli is a son of Charles Capelli, who was born at Genoa, Italy, April 1, 1846, and came to America at the age of thirty years, locating in the city of Hoboken. For the past twenty-five years he has retired from business. The mother, Virginia (Casazza) Capelli, is also a native of Genoa and still living. They are the parents of seven children, of whom one, Charles Francis, is deceased; he was a grand jury clerk of Hudson county when he died. Those living are: Lena, wife of Louis Benero; Mary, single; George A., of further mention; Virginia, wife of Louis Cavagnaro; Evelyn; and Harold Cornelius.

George Anthony Capelli was born at Hoboken, New Jersey, March 12, 1891. His elementary education was received in the public schools of the city and he was graduated from Grammar School No. 3, in the class of 1901. He was graduated from Hoboken High School in the class of 1904, taking up the study of law. In 1915 Mr. Capelli entered the New Jersey Law School, graduating in June, 1918, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Admitted to the New Jersey bar in November, 1921, after his discharge from the military service, he took up the practice of his chosen profession, becoming a partner of the well known law firm of Butler & Butler, with offices at No. 586 Newark avenue, Jersey City. He has won a secure footing in the profession, and is looked upon as one of the most promising young men of the day in professional circles in Jersey City.

Mr. Capelli's military record began with his enlistment on May 15, 1918, in the Naval Intelligence Bureau at Washington, District of Columbia. He was later transferred to the United States army

as a member of the Training Cadre at Camp Dix and was attached to Company 23, 6th Training Battalion, in which connection he served as first sergeant until March 7, 1919. The armistice was signed before he was called to active service. Mr. Capelli has been active in public life for a number of years and is an active supporter of the principals of the Republican party. In May, 1909, he was appointed to the Hudson County Board of Taxation, an office in which he still ably serves. He has done more or less campaigning, and his ability as a public speaker gives him wide popularity on the stump. Fraternally Mr. Capelli is a member of the Loyal Order of Moose, Lodge No. 317; of Hoboken Council, No. 159, Knights of Columbus; and of Hoboken Post, No. 107, American Legion. He is interested in all outdoor sports, but makes a hobby of swimming, in which he excels, and has participated successfully in numerous contests. He is single, and is a member of St. Francis' Roman Catholic Church, of Hoboken.

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### SCHMIDT, A. J.,

#### Manufacturer.

The present officers of C. Zimmerman & Son are: A. J. Schmidt, president; R. Detert, treasurer; and A. M. Schmidt, secretary. With a plant at Nos. 70-76 Tuers avenue, the concern manufacture sweaters in great variety, both for athletes and for the lady's wardrobe. Their output reaches all parts of the United States, their plant being equipped with the very latest and most approved machinery.

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### WEIERSHAUSEN, Dr. George Charles,

#### Chiropractor.

In one of the most modern fields of professional advance Dr. Weiershausen

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is taking a leading position in Hudson County, New Jersey, with offices in the State Capitol Theater building, Union Hill, New Jersey. He has given to his present work the exhaustive preparation and the close attention which count for large success, and he is now counted among the thoroughly progressive professional men of the day in this section. He is a son of Frank and Mary (Merkel) Weiershausen, both residents of Fort Lee, New Jersey. The father was born in Germany and came to this country in the year 1885, locating in New York City, where he resided for a time, later settling permanently at Fort Lee. They are the parents of eight children: Lena, wife of William Klinger; George Charles, whose name entitles this review; Fred, Frank, Kate, wife of Bertram Dotter; Elsie, May, and Hannah.

George Charles Weiershausen was born in New York City, February 10, 1891. His education was begun in Public School No. 51, of New York, from which he was graduated in the class of 1903. After covering the high school course in the metropolis he took up chiropractic and was graduated from the New Jersey College of Chiropractic in 1917. He then entered upon a comprehensive post graduate course at the Palmer School of Chiropractic, at Davenport, Iowa, the parent institution of this school of healing. Meanwhile Dr. Weiershausen established his office in Palisade, New Jersey, in the year 1917 and since his return from Iowa he has founded other offices, now having three, one in Union Hill, one in Woodcliff, and one in Fort Lee. He has taken a deep interest in institutional advance in his chosen school of healing and is president of the first chiropractic hospital ever established in the East at Fort Lee, New Jersey. The doctor's principal interest

outside of his profession is the growing of prize dahlias and at the Fort Lee Sanitarium he has a unique showing of these popular flowers. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, the Shepherds of Bethlehem, and the Steuben Society, and he is a member of the Kiwanis Club.

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### COOPER, John H.,

**Lawyer.**

Among the residents of Kearny, New Jersey, few enjoy a position of greater influence than Mr. Cooper. He has been a resident of the town since 1885, and holds office as town attorney. He was born at Paterson, New Jersey, February 16, 1880, son of John and Maria (McGill) Cooper. When he was five years old his parents moved to Kearny, where they established their residence.

Mr. Cooper received his preliminary education in the public schools of Kearny. He attended the Lakewood High School and after his graduation therefrom, proceeded to the New York University Law School. He had early decided to enter the legal profession and, as his tastes and inclinations lay in the field of study rather than in those of business and commerce, he was able to devote himself to his studies with remarkable concentration and energy during the period of his professional training. In 1905 he was graduated from the university with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He then associated himself with Mr. Louis Hood of Newark and studied law with him for an additional period of three years, acquiring a great deal of practical experience from the preparation of cases and the care of certain branches of the work necessitated by Mr. Hood's extensive practice. In 1908, being fully qualified by training and practice to un-



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dertake the conduct of litigation as an independent lawyer, Mr. Cooper passed the required examinations and was admitted to the bar of New Jersey as an attorney at law. Three years later he was admitted as counselor-at-law, and this rank he now holds.

When the period of his professional training was complete, Mr. Cooper established himself in an independent practice, opening his office in the Essex building at Newark. Here he has remained ever since, and his practice has grown steadily with the passing of time. He has many clients and, although he has never found it advisable to specialize in any particular branch of the law, he yet finds certain types of cases more interesting and profitable than others. His services are greatly in demand, both as a trial lawyer and as a counselor, and by his sound, theoretical and practical knowledge, his unusual powers of penetration and analysis, and command of forensic phrase, he has made for himself a secure place in the regard and admiration of his profession and the community.

In politics Mr. Cooper is a Republican. He has always taken an active part in local political affairs at Kearny, and has been a leader in many of the movements designed to increase prosperity and to promote the welfare of the general public. In 1923 he was appointed town attorney, and this office he now holds together with that of counselor of the Citizens' Building and Loan Association of Kearny. He is a member of Kearny Lodge, No. 1050, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Pilgrim Lodge, No. 202, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Arlington; and is a Mason of long standing, holding membership in Triune Lodge, No. 159, Free and Accepted Masons. In religious faith he is a Presbyterian and takes an active

part in the work of the Presbyterian church at Kearny, to which he belongs.

On June 3, 1902, he married, at Lakewood, New Jersey, Mary E. Beebe, daughter of Richard and Serena (Huff) Beebe. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper have no children.

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### DEAR, William Yerrington,

#### Printer of Telephone Books.

At the head of a long established and largely prosperous printing business in Jersey City, New Jersey, William Yerrington Dear stands among the foremost men in his field in the metropolitan district, and the concern is widely celebrated as the largest printers of telephone books in the world. Mr. Dear is a native of Jersey City, and a son of Joseph A. and Katharine A. Dear, his father the founder of the present business and for years a publisher.

William Yerrington Dear was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, December 10, 1872. His education was begun in the public schools of the city, and he is a graduate of Hasbrouck Institute, class of 1889. He later attended Stevens Institute, from which he was graduated in the class of 1893, with the degree of mechanical engineer. The trend of his studies had been guided by his purpose to enter the concern of which his father was the head, and, upon his graduation from Stevens Institute Mr. Dear entered the employ of the firm then conducted by Joseph A. Dear and E. M. Watson. The son had been connected with the business continuously since and has been largely instrumental in its development to its present great importance. A few years after entering the organization he was made secretary and treasurer, and served in that capacity until the year 1922, when he became president of the concern upon the

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death of John S. Watson, also retaining the office of treasurer, and in these offices he still is active. The business comprises practically all branches of printing and publishing, but they specialize in telephone books, and their output in this field is enormous. They print the New York City telephone books, also the Philadelphia and Providence telephone books, and practically all the telephone books for the large cities of New Jersey. Their daily output is in excess of 300,000 pounds of printed matter, this placing them easily as the largest concern in their field in the world, and they employ close to 500 people. They are located at No. 160 Maple street, Jersey City, doing business under the firm name of the Jersey City Printing Company, and they have a very large and modernly-equipped plant, with every variety of machinery for the turning out of their work.

Mr. Dear was active on the Mexican border in command of a New Jersey Signal Corps. His recreations are fishing and hunting and all out-door sports, and he keeps in touch with baseball, which he played at college. He is a member of the Carteret, University and Rotary clubs, and is identified with the First Presbyterian Church.

William Y. Dear married, on November 29, 1899, in Jersey City, May Burgett, who was born in Canada, and is a daughter of Augustus and Bessie Burgett, her father deceased, but her mother still living. They are the parents of three children: Dorothy B., born December 1, 1905; Ruth M., born March 16, 1907; William Y., Jr., born January 8, 1912.

### **FERGUSON, Louis,**

**Business Man.**

Among the business men of Hudson county who, after spending the early years

of their life in New York City, have removed their business interests to the near-by city of Hoboken, is Louis Ferguson, vice-president of the Ferguson Brothers Manufacturing Company. Mr. Ferguson has long been known as one of the successful manufacturers of this section. His father, George Washington Ferguson, who was also a native of New York City, born in April, 1830, was engaged in manufacturing, and his mother, Mary J. (Van Nostrand) Ferguson, was born in New York City, November 25, 1835.

Louis Ferguson was born in New York City, March 23, 1858, and received his education in the public schools of his native city. When school days were over he became interested in the manufacturing of furniture specialties in 1880, and has continued in that line to the present time. In 1900 the business was removed to Hoboken, New Jersey, where as vice-president of the Ferguson Brothers Manufacturing Company, engaged in making furniture specialties, he represents one of the important industrial concerns of the city, the company employing 500 people. He is a member of the Hoboken Chamber of Commerce, and in addition to his responsibilities as vice-president of the manufacturing concern already mentioned, he is a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Hoboken. Politically he casts his vote independently, giving his support to those candidates whom he considers best fitted to fill the office, irrespective of party affiliations. Mr. Ferguson has the confidence and esteem of a very large group of his business associates as well as of a host of personal friends and is one of those whose business interest have contributed largely to the economic prosperity of the city of Hoboken.

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### FEINBERG, Jacob,

#### Lawyer.

Under the caption, "Odes to the Famous," a local newspaper printed the following:

Bayonne had many men worthy of note in her day, but she has never had but one "Jack Feinberg."

#### COUNSELLOR JACK FEINBERG.

Born to this world with a start that was poor, yet gifted by Fate with the will to endure, he gritted his teeth and fought life 'till he's grown, into one of the brightest young men in Bayonne. Like hundreds of other big men of to-day, whose climb up Fame's ladder no failures could stay, Jack Feinberg sold papers when he was a boy, and now it delights him to bring Christmas joy, to the hearts of these urchins who live on their feet, by giving them yearly a wonderful treat. Most men who arrive from the humblest of starts, forget what they were, success hardens their hearts, but of Jack's yearly banquets, the newsies all talk, for he fills them with food till they barely can walk. His car is a Stutz and is known to all cops, from here to the place where the boundary stops, and Jack is a winner at picking out girls; he takes 'em out Stutzing and loses their curls, and when necks in the court room stretch, and folks hum, we know that Beau Brummel Jack Feinberg has come.

Jack Feinberg, as he is familiarly known to his hosts of friends, was born in Bayonne, New Jersey, March 1, 1895, son of Morris and Sophia Feinberg, his father, now deceased, one of Bayonne's pioneer builders. Jack Feinberg was educated in the public schools of Bayonne, finishing in high school, and for twelve of his early years was a newsboy in Bayonne, where he became known as "King of the Newsies." When the time came to choose a permanent life work, he decided upon the law and entered New York University Law School, whence he was graduated, class of 1915. He was admitted to the New Jersey bar as an attorney at the December term in 1915 and as a counsellor in 1918. He began practice in Bayonne

in 1918 and there continues his office at No. 678 Avenue C, where he is in business with his brother, Jesse J. Feinberg, under the name of Feinberg and Feinberg.

His defective vision kept him out of the United States army during the war with Germany, 1917-1918, although he made a personal appeal to Washington for special permission to enlist. He is not an aspirant for an office, his personal politics being Democratic. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Knights of Pythias, B'nai B'rith, the Young Men's Christian Association and the Young Men's Hebrew Association. He is unmarried.

Mr. Feinberg is the staunch friend and benefactor of the newsboys, and the two hundred boys of the "profession" know him as their friend. For six years on each recurring Christmas time he tenders these two hundred newsboys and a few men a Christmas dinner, after which he gives them a theater party, with seats in a body in the orchestra. The sixth dinner thus given was at Gregory's restaurant, Twenty-second street and Broadway, Bayonne, hired for the day. A roast turkey dinner with all that a boy's appetite asks for at such a time was placed before the "boys" and a gift to take home was handed him. Then came the theater party at the Opera House in the afternoon, a special program having been provided by the management. Mr. Feinberg has made this dinner as great an event in his own life as it is to the "boys," and he makes his "Merry Christmas" mean a lot to them.

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### RUHLE, Harry James Hurlemann,

#### Business Man.

The lumber trade in the metropolitan district is broadly familiar with the name



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of Harry J. H. Ruhle through his leading position in the activities of some of the foremost concerns of North Hudson county, New Jersey. The North Hudson Manufacturing Company, whose offices are at No. 620 Main street, North Bergen, is the outgrowth of his own activities as a lumber salesman. In the period of twenty-three years during which Mr. Ruhle has been identified with the lumber business he has won a very high position in his chosen field, and this entirely by his own efforts.

Harry J. H. Ruhle as born in New York City, July 26, 1883, and is a son of Frederick and Wilhelmina Ruhle. The family removing to Hudson county, New Jersey, when he was five years of age, his education was begun in the public schools of the Town of Union. He later attended Eagan's Business School and also took special courses in the Young Men's Christian Association classes in New York City. Mr. Ruhle started life as a cash boy at Wanamaker's store, in New York City, remaining for a year and a half in this position. He then became identified with De Sola-Lobo & Company, commission brokers of New York City, and entering their employ as office boy, he worked up to the position of assistant buyer and in all was connected with this firm for a period of five years. He then became associated with the Gardner-Meeks Company, of Union Hill, New Jersey, in the capacity of lumber salesman, and in the employ of this important concern gained a wide familiarity with conditions and possibilities in the distribution end of the lumber industry. Here he found his field of permanent activity and thus his work has counted largely for the general progress. In 1903 Mr. Ruhle organized the firm of the Guenther-Ruhle Company. Two years later this

organization was incorporated as the North Hudson Manufacturing Company, producers of lumber and mill work, and this concern has become one of the leaders in its field in this part of the country. With offices and yard at No. 620 Main street, North Bergen, and a second extensive yard at No. 32 Second avenue, they are doing a very large and constantly increasing business. Mr. Ruhle is considered an authority in all that pertains to the lumber business, and he is further interested in this field as vice-president of the Whittier Lumber and Millwork Company, of Newark, New Jersey. He has been president and treasurer of the first concern since its incorporation. Mr. Ruhle is deeply interested in all civic and patriotic endeavors, and during the World War his knowledge of his business found wider scope for usefulness through his service as Government appeals agent. He is a loyal supporter of the Republican party but has never sought or desired political honors. Fraternally he is affiliated with Mystic Tie Lodge, No. 123, Free and Accepted Masons; and of all the Scottish Rite bodies of the order in which he holds the thirty-second degree, and he is also a member of Salaam Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is further identified with Union Hill Lodge, No. 1357, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Triumph Council, Junior Order of United American Mechanics; and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is at this time (1923) president of the Rotary Club of Weehawken, and in all branches of benevolent and charitable activity bears a part, now acting as secretary of the executive committee of the North Hudson Hospital. He is a member of the Woodcliff Reformed Church, which he serves as elder.

Mr. Ruhle married, at Union Hill, New

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Jersey, on June 23, 1909, Alice May Ferens, daughter of Oscar and Mary C. Ferens, and they have two children: Norman F., and John Hurlemann.

**TUMULTY, Felix Edward,**

**Real Estate Operator.**

Among the successful brokers and realtors of Hudson county is Felix Edward Tumulty, whose offices are located in the Lerner building, in Jersey City. Mr. Tumulty has been actively engaged in several lines of business activity and the experience thus gained is one of his valuable assets in the field in which he is now engaged.

Philip Tumulty, father of Felix Edward Tumulty, was born in Cavan county, Ireland, and came to this country with his father when he was a young boy. The family settled at once in Jersey City, where during the remainder of his active life Philip Tumulty was engaged in business as a contractor and realtor with offices at No. 59 Brunswick street. He died in November, 1918, at the age of seventy-five years. He married Alice Dalton, a native of Cavan county, Ireland, who died in Jersey City at the age of forty-five years, and they were the parents of twelve children, four of whom are living, as follows: Philip, who is engaged in the paper box and printing business in Jersey City; Joseph, who served as secretary to Governor Woodrow Wilson, later to President Woodrow Wilson, and is now an attorney in Washington, District of Columbia; Felix Edward, of further mention; and Thomas, an attorney of New York City.

Felix Edward Tumulty, son of Philip and Alice (Dalton) Tumulty, was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, January 23, 1883, and after completing his early education in the elementary grammar and

high schools of Jersey City, prepared for college in the St. Bridget Parochial School. He then became a student in St. Peter's College and after completing his college course took a special course in the New York School of Pharmacy. When his studies were completed, however, he entered upon a line of activity for which he had not especially prepared. He became a reporter on the staff of the Hoboken "Observer," and in that connection gained valuable experience for a year and a half. At the end of that time he became the private secretary of Mark Fagan, mayor of Jersey City, and when that connection was severed he entered the employ of a large ship-building company which he served as their Washington, District of Columbia, representative. In 1923 he resolved to engage in the realty investment business for himself. He formed a partnership with Peter A. Kane, under the firm name of Kane & Tumulty, and opened offices in the Lerner building, in Jersey City. The enterprise is prospering and is rapidly growing, and the wide experience and wide acquaintance of the two partners are most valuable assets in the development of the business. Politically Mr. Tumulty gives his support to the Democratic party, so far as general principles are concerned, but he reserves to himself the right to cast his vote independently when circumstances seem to indicate that such a course is advisable. His religious affiliation is with the Church of St. Aloysius, of Jersey City.

On January 8, 1913, at Jersey City, New Jersey, Felix Edward Tumulty married Lena Altz, who was born in Jersey City, daughter of Andrew and Amy (Balzer) Altz, both of whom are now residents of Jersey City. Mr. and Mrs. Tumulty are the parents of one son, Joseph W., who was born November 1, 1914.

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### **REICH, Andrew Joseph,** **Dentist.**

In the dental profession in Hudson county, New Jersey, Dr. Andrew Joseph Reich holds a position of prominence, and although he has been in practice for only a comparatively short period his success is definite, and he is counted among the really promising men of the profession. Dr. Reich is a son of William Reich, who was born in Austria and came to the United States in the year 1887. He came as a youth by himself and settled in New York City, later removing to Woodcliff, New Jersey, where he still lives and is retired from business activity. The mother, Mary Reich, died January 7, 1921, leaving four children: Edward, an attorney of New Jersey; Julius, an attorney of New Jersey; Andrew J., whose name entitles this review; and Rose, wife of Julius Jozseffy, of West New York.

Andrew Joseph Reich was born in New York City, December 10, 1896. His education was begun in Schenectady, New York, where he attended St. Joseph's Academy, from which he was graduated in 1915. Entering Union College at Schenectady, he spent two years in the medical department of that institution, then returned to New York City, where he covered the entire course at the College of Oral and Dental Surgery of New York City, from which he was graduated in the class of 1921. Immediately thereafter Dr. Reich began practice at his present offices, No. 444 Sixteenth street, West New York, New Jersey. During the World War Dr. Reich enlisted for service and was stationed at Governors Island in New York harbor in the Dental Unit for a period of nine months. A member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Dr. Reich has few other interests outside of his profession, but his chief leisure activ-

ity is swimming. He held the long distance swimming championship at Albany, having won this honor by swimming from that city to Coxsackie, a distance of twenty-one miles. He is a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church.

### **O'CONNOR, Walter A.,**

#### **Real Estate and Insurance Operator.**

The activities of Walter A. O'Connor in Hudson county, New Jersey, are in a large measure constructive, and from his start as a lad of only fifteen years, he has been looked upon as one of the promising figures in the real estate business in Hudson county. He is a member of the real estate and insurance firm, Davidson-O'Connor Company, No. 137 Summit avenue, West Hoboken, both partners men of progress and public spirit, who are making their influence felt in the general development of the county in the real estate field. The future looks very bright for Davidson-O'Connor Company, and their friends feel very confident of their permanent success.

John J. O'Connor, father of Walter A., was born in New York City, December 17, 1867, son of John J. O'Connor, who was born in Kilworth, County Cork, Ireland, and came to the United States about 1860. He married Mary Clifford, and made his home in New York City, but soon afterward moved to Jersey City, where he engaged in the meat business. He had a son, John J., Jr., of whom further.

John J. O'Connor, Jr., son of John J. and Mary (Clifford) O'Connor, followed the trade of his father. In 1894 he married Anna Norden, of New York City, and they were the parents of four sons, the second of these, Walter A., is the subject of this review.





Walter A. O'Connor



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Walter A. O'Connor, son of John J. and Anna (Norden) O'Connor, was born in Hoboken, New Jersey, December 19, 1897, and there spent the first five years of his life. In 1902 the family moved to Jersey City Heights, where he and his other brothers were educated in St. Paul of the Cross School. After leaving school Walter A. O'Connor desired to secure a position in a bank but yielded to his father's advice and entered the employ of the C. Alfred Burhorn Company, of Hoboken. For ten years he remained with that company, becoming a director and broadly familiar with affairs and conditions in the real estate world as well as gaining a fund of thoroughly practical experience. In September, 1922, he resigned his directorship and position with the C. Alfred Burhorn Company, and in association with William S. Davidson formed the Davidson-O'Connor Company, W. S. Davidson, president, and Walter A. O'Connor, secretary-treasurer. The company transacts a general real estate business and represents some of the strongest American fire insurance companies. Mr. Davidson (q. v.) is an ex-assemblyman and for the past two decades has been interested in the real estate and insurance business. The offices of the company are at No. 137 Summit avenue (transfer station), West Hoboken.

A Democrat in politics, Mr. O'Connor is taking a prominent part in party progress in his section and is a member of the Twelfth Ward Democratic Club. He is a member of the Hudson County Real Estate Board, the National Association of Real Estate Boards, the Multiple Listing Exchange of the Real Estate Board, the Real Estate League of New Jersey, the Columbian Club, and the Lion's Club of West Hoboken, the Holy Name Society of St. Paul's of the Cross Church, of Jer-

sey City; Carroll Council, No. 1378, Knights of Columbus, and Monsignor Stafford Assembly, Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus.

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### HOWELL, William Henry,

**Furniture Dealer.**

Inhabitants of Hoboken, New Jersey, who desire to secure furniture of superior quality have found that at the plant of Howell Brothers, Inc., they will find not only furniture of excellent quality, but prompt and efficient service and reliable business methods. William Henry Howell is president of the concern which he has been operating for the past fifteen years.

Born in Hoboken, New Jersey, August 27, 1880, William Henry Howell is a son of John Smith Howell, a hatter of New York City, who was born in Fairview, New Jersey, and died in Hoboken, New Jersey, and of Eva (Miller) Howell, who was born in Hoboken, and now resides in West New York, New Jersey. Mr. Howell is one of four children, the others being: Elizabeth, Harry, and George.

William Henry Howell received his education in the public schools of Hoboken, and then secured his first position in one of the leading furniture stores of Hoboken, where he quickly made himself entirely familiar with the details of the business. He was eighteen years of age when he became associated with the firm of A. Monaco, of Hoboken, and with him he remained for about ten years. At the end of that time, having wisely saved a large proportion of his earnings and also having profited by his ten years experience, he decided to engage in the furniture business for himself. In 1908 he opened a store at No. 204 Grand street, where he built up a considerable trade, conducting



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the business alone. Later he admitted to partnership his brothers, George and Harry, and removed to No. 404 Second street. Still the business grew, and it again became necessary to seek larger quarters, which were found in a four-story brick building at Nos. 409-11 Second street, where they found ample space for expansion. They have also opened a store at the corner of Thirteenth street and Bergenline avenue, West New York, where, in a building which they erected, they are conducting a thriving branch in the same line of business. In addition to their activities as owners and managers of two prosperous furniture concerns, the Howell brothers are stockholders in the West New York Trust Company. They all vote independently. Fraternally William Henry Howell is affiliated with Union Hill Lodge, No. 1357, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Independent Order of Eagles; Loyal Order of Moose; and with the Loyal Association, the last three all of Hoboken. He is also a member of the Barney McFeeley Association of Hoboken. Mr. Howell is unmarried.

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### ECKERT, William,

#### Physician.

A promising figure in the professional world of Hudson county, New Jersey, Dr. Eckert of Union Hill has been active in practice for several years and is winning an enviable reputation in his chosen field of endeavor. He is a son of John J. and Katherine (Menger) Eckert, his father a native of Union Hill, New Jersey, and his mother of Staten Island. John J. Eckert is a prominent musician and has served in the New Jersey State Militia for a number of years. They are the parents of two sons and two daughters, all living,

one of whom, William, is of further mention.

William Eckert was born in Union Hill, New Jersey, June 7, 1896. His education was begun in the local public schools and he was graduated from Union Hill High School, after which he entered New York University, then took up medical work at Bellevue Hospital Medical College, where he spent four years in study and from which he was graduated in the class of March, 1919, receiving his degree of Doctor of Medicine. Thereafter for a time Dr. Eckert served as interne in various institutions of the metropolitan district, first at Bellevue Hospital, later at Jersey City Hospital and finally at North Hudson Hospital. With this unusually comprehensive training and experience Dr. Eckert opened his own offices in Union Hill in the year 1921, locating at No. 116 Jefferson street. He has developed a prosperous and constantly increasing practice and is considered one of the coming men of the profession. He acts as assistant visiting surgeon at the North Hudson Hospital and is a member of the Hudson County Medical Society, the North Hudson Physicians' Club, and the North Hudson Hospital Clinical Society. Politically he holds independent convictions and gives his support to all forward movements, while in fraternal circles he is well known as a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Foresters of America.

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### MURPHY, Denis Joseph,

#### Business Man.

One of the well known citizens of West New York, New Jersey, is Denis Joseph Murphy, who after more than three decades of successful business experience in New York City removed to West New

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York, New Jersey, where he has since been active both in business and in local public affairs, recently being town treasurer of West New York.

Mr. Murphy is of Irish parentage, his father being Denis Murphy, a native of Ireland, who came to this country in 1850 and for a time was one of those (sometimes called "squatters") who settled on the present site of Central Park, New York City. He married Johanna Treacy, a native of Ireland, now deceased, and they were the parents of children, only three of whom grew to maturity, and now all deceased with the exception of Denis Joseph, of this review.

Denis Joseph Murphy, son of Denis and Johanna (Treacy) Murphy, was born in New York City, March 4, 1861, and attended the public schools of his birthplace until he was fourteen years of age. His opportunities for school training ceased at that time and he became associated with a wholesale butcher business in New York City, which connection he maintained for twenty-five years. At the end of that time he removed from New York City to West New York, New Jersey, and in that community he has been active for more than thirty years. He was president of the Guttenburg First National Bank for four years, and at the end of that time sold out his interests. The Standard Storage Warehouse Company stores furniture and merchandise of all kinds and is doing an extensive and steadily growing business in that branch. From the beginning Mr. Murphy has taken an active interest in local public affairs, especially in the educational work of the community and in the work of local public officials. He was a member of the Board of Education of West New York, and for one term served as its president. He was elected to serve as recorder of West New York, and for five years he served as the mayor of that

community. For the past nine years he has served as treasurer of the town, up to January 1, 1923. Mr. Murphy's genial personality and ready wit make for him many friends, and he is well liked and highly esteemed among the people of the community in which he lives. His religious affiliation is with the Roman Catholic Church of St. Joseph, Palisade, West New York.

Denis Joseph Murphy married, in New York City, Theresa Quinn, a native of that place, and they became the parents of six children; five of whom are living: Edmund C., John J., Charles B., Joseph D., who was one of the first to enlist for service in the World War and who died from exposure before the close of hostilities; Richard J., and Frank D. Charles B., Joseph D. and Richard J. all enlisted and served throughout the period of the war.

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### BERGER, Sol J.,

**Attorney.**

One of the youngest attorneys of Jersey City, New Jersey, is Sol J. Berger, who received his degree in the law before he was twenty-one years of age and for the short period since he was admitted to the bar has been associated with Atwood C. Wolf in the practice of law. Mr. Berger is a son of Jacob Berger, who was born in Poland, Russia, and came to America as a young man, bringing his young wife with him. They located in New York City and remained there for a time, where he was engaged in business as a tailor, then, later, removed to Jersey City and for more than twenty-five years he was active as a cloak and suit merchant in this city. The mother, Lena (Kututchinsky) Berger, is still living. They are the parents of three children: Sol J., of further mention; Max, and Lillian, the

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two younger being students in the Jersey City High School.

Sol J. Berger was born in New York City, December 15, 1900. The family removing to Jersey in his childhood, he attended the public schools of this city and was graduated from Grammar School No. 6 in the class of 1916. Beginning his higher studies in the Lincoln High School, he was graduated from Dickinson High School in the class of 1918. His choice of a profession early determined, he entered New York University, School of Law. He served his clerkship with the law firm of Gross & Gross, at No. 15 Exchange place, then, in 1922, became associated with Mr. Wolf, and, with offices in the State Theater building, is now rapidly gaining an assured position in the profession. Gifted with natural ability as a public speaker, and by nature also a deep student, Mr. Berger is considered one of the most promising young men in the profession in Jersey City to-day, and his future seems very bright. He has few interests outside his work, but is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the outdoor sports of the day comprise his relaxations. At school he was quite noted in track work, and both in public and high schools he acted as captain of the track team. He is a member of the Bergen Synagogue.

Mr. Berger married, in Jersey City, on August 17, 1920, Betty Levy, who was born in London, England, and is a daughter of Ephriam and Rachel Levy, residents of Jersey City, the father a retail shoe merchant.

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### KENNY, Aiden Vincent, Jr.,

#### Business Man.

With experience in varied lines of business effort, Aiden Vincent Kenny is tak-

ing a definitely practical part in the present day advance in Jersey City, applying his ability and knowledge in art to the commercial activity of the city and making a speciality of show cards.

Mr. Kenny is a member of an old and prominent family of County Wexford, Ireland, where his father, Aiden Vincent Kenny, Sr., was born. He came to America as a young man alone and without friends or capital of any amount, established himself in New York City, securing employment with the firm of T. Hogan & Sons, contracting stevedores. Later he entered the employ of the Cunard Steamship Company, as superintendent of stevedores, and this position he filled until the close of the recent war. He then again became associated with the firm of T. Hogan & Sons, serving in an executive capacity. The mother, Sara (Mahon) Kenny, was also born in Ireland and is still living. They are the parents of eight children, all living, as follows: (twins) Michael and Alice; Aiden V., of further mention; John; Andrew; Marion; Edward; Anna.

Aiden Vincent Kenny, Jr., was born in New York City, December 4, 1895. The family moving to Jersey City, New Jersey, when he was four years of age, he first attended Public School No. 24 of that city, from which he was graduated in the year 1910. He then attended Dickinson High School for two years, after which he became a student of bookkeeping at Spencer's Business School. Upon the completion of that course he studied fashion art at the Thomas School of Art, but after finishing his course was unable to continue this work because of the weakness of his eyes. He studied for two years with the Art Student's League, of New York City. Upon entering the business world, Mr. Kenny affiliated himself with







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the Cunard Steamship Company, of New York City, but later, in 1921, established his present interest, meeting various demands in the way of commercial art and with a studio occupying an entire third floor of the building at the corner of Grove street and Newark avenue, he is doing a very prosperous and constantly increasing business. In his specialty of show cards Mr. Kenny is doing much of the most attractive and elaborate work. Mr. Kenny's progressive attitude toward advance, and his wide appreciation of conditions and affairs in the business world, give him a keen insight to the needs and possibilities in his line of endeavor, and he is winning a large success. Fraternally Mr. Kenny is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and his leisure interests are all out-of-door sports of an athletic nature, also fishing. He is a member of St. Bridget's Roman Catholic Church and Holy Name Society.

### LEMING, Walter Harrison,

#### Mortician.

As one of the most progressive and successful men in the undertaking and embalming profession in Jersey City, New Jersey, Mr. Leming gives special attention to the very latest and most approved methods along his line of activity, and has attained a remarkable reputation in his field. He is a son of George Van Horn Leming, who was born in Allentown, New Jersey, in 1858, and is still living. George Van Horn Leming was an early undertaker in Allentown and has followed this profession throughout his entire lifetime, always having been a leader of progress among his contemporaries. The mother, Phoebe (Hammell) Leming, was born in Monmouth county, New Jersey, and died when her son was about seven years of age.

Walter Harrison Leming was born in Allentown, Monmouth county, New Jersey, November 11, 1888. His education was begun in the local public schools, and he was graduated from the Allentown High School with the class of 1905. From boyhood he took an interest in the work in which his father was engaged, and as a young man learned the business under his father's instruction. To further prepare himself for a future along the same line of activity, he entered the United States College of Embalming at New York City, from which he was graduated in due course. He then embalmed for the trade of New York City until the year 1917, when he came to Jersey City and established himself professionally, with headquarters at No. 858 Bergen avenue. He was the first in the State of New Jersey to use the new arterial-venous, neo-cardinal gas method of embalming, and with his high standing in the profession, his adoption of this method has done much for its general recognition and the extension of its use among embalmers in this district. Mr. Leming gives the most courteous and considerate service and is accessible at any hour of the day or night. His genial personality and "golden rule" character have made for him many friends, both in the trade and among his patrons, and to his associates and immediate friends he is popularly known as "Dave" Leming. Mr. Leming has few interests outside of his profession.

Walter Harrison Leming married, at Cranbury, New Jersey, in 1911, Elizabeth C. Thomas, of that place, daughter of William and Sadie (Dey) Thomas, of Cranbury. Mr. and Mrs. Leming have four children: Marjorie Mabel, born February 1, 1913; William Thomas; Phoebe Hammell; and George Van Horn.



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### DWORKIN, Isidore,

#### Lawyer.

One of the younger members of the legal profession, Mr. Dworkin was admitted to the New Jersey State bar in April, 1922. He was born in Russia, December 28, 1898, son of Louis and Bessie Dworkin. Both his parents were Russian by birth and parentage. His father, who is engaged in business as a dealer in cigars, came to the United States with his family before Mr. Dworkin became of school age.

Mr. Dworkin received his preliminary education in the public schools of Hoboken. After having completed the grammar school course of study, he proceeded to the Hoboken High School, from which he was graduated at an early age. Naturally gifted with a keen, analytical mind, and a remarkable fluency of speech, Mr. Dworkin early decided to enter the legal profession, believing that in this field he would find an ideal opportunity for success and achievement. Accordingly, with the full consent of his parents, he proceeded from high school to the law school of Fordham University for the purpose of acquiring his legal training. At the university he devoted himself to his studies with such energy and enthusiasm that he attracted the favorable attention of his instructors and completed the course with great credit, being graduated as a member of the class of 1922 in June of that year. He had, however, been admitted to the New Jersey State bar during the previous April, and was consequently able to begin his professional career without delay immediately upon his graduation.

Mr. Dworkin has been eminently successful in his practice. Establishing an independent office at No. 51 Newark

street, Hoboken, he began to accept cases of a general nature and soon became known as an unusually capable and energetic young attorney. His practice has increased rapidly, and at the present time his attention is fully occupied with litigation of an important character. The older members of his profession have watched his career with interest, and in the opinion of competent observers he is destined to become one of the leading attorneys of the community, an opinion he is rapidly justifying.

In politics Mr. Dworkin is an Independent. He was actively engaged as a speaker in the various Red Cross and Jewish Relief drives during and after the World War. He served as a member of the Student Army Training Corps, and would have received a commission had the war continued and his services been required at the front. In religious faith Mr. Dworkin is an orthodox Hebrew. He belongs to the Young Men's Hebrew Association, and to the Royal Arcanum, and takes the greatest interest in the work of these organizations. Mr. Dworkin is unmarried.

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### PARKINS, Robert B.,

#### Optometrist.

As optometrist and eyesight specialist Robert B. Parkins, of West Hoboken, New Jersey, is commanding a noteworthy position and is achieving large success from the point of view of his personal equipment and the benefit derived from his endeavors by the people. Mr. Parkins has had extensive special training for his professional work and has added to that wide and practical experience, thus he is finely equipped for the responsibilities which devolve upon him, and countless numbers of people regard him with confidence and appreciation. Mr. Parkins is a



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son of Alfred and Margaret (Walter) Parkins, both now deceased, his father a native of Virginia and active in that State throughout his lifetime as a miller, his mother a native of Baltimore, Maryland.

Robert B. Parkins was born in Frederick county, Virginia, June 21, 1868. His education was begun in the public schools of his native State and he later attended Stanton Military School, at Stanton, Virginia, then entered Jacksonian Optical College, at Jackson, Michigan, from which he was graduated in 1891. His first professional experience was in the city of Pittsburgh, as optometrist, and there he remained for a period of four years. Then going to Washington, District of Columbia, he was active independently in the same field for about a year and a half, after which he accepted a flattering offer from the Wanamaker store, in New York City, where he had charge of the oculist department for two years. With the removal to the 14th Street Store, he remained for a year and a half in the same capacity in the new building, after which he became identified with the Simpson, Crawford Company, in New York City, in their optical department. He was in charge of that department for a year and a half, then came to Hoboken, where he established his own headquarters as an eyesight specialist on Union Hill. This was in 1903, and he remained in the same location for fourteen years, then opened his present place at No. 334 Clinton avenue, West Hoboken, where he has since been continuously active. For the past two years he has also done all the work for C. M. Struss, the prominent jeweler of Summit avenue, in West Hoboken, in addition to his personal practice. Mr. Parkins' success in treating and prescribing glasses has been very marked, and many of the people of this vicinity look

back to the time when they began to enjoy relief from eyesight troubles. Mr. Parkins is a member of the New York Optical Society, but has few interests except those which align with his work. As a young man he served in the Pennsylvania National Guard, and although he is broadly interested in all public advance he has never taken an active part in political affairs, holding independent convictions and taking only the interest of the citizen in public life. He is a member of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Parkins married, on June 21, 1902, in New York City, Margaret Kaber, daughter of the late Michael and Philippine (Mueller) Kaber, her father a cigar manufacturer during his lifetime and her mother still surviving. Mrs. Parkins died, leaving one son, Robert B., Jr., born December 19, 1912.

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### FORD, Willard Rider,

Contractor.

In the construction world of Hudson county, New Jersey, Willard Rider Ford holds a leading position, and as an independent contractor he has been active for twenty years. A native of the State of New York, and educated in the institutions of that State, Mr. Ford has been a resident of Jersey City since his activity in his present field, and is counted among the successful and broadly progressive men of the day in this section. He is a son of John Spencer and Jeanette (Rider) Ford, his father formerly superintendent of the Sterling Iron Company, of Sterling, New York, and prominent in public life. He was the first supervisor of the town of Tuxedo, New York, and has served that community as postmaster for many years, also as justice of the peace, still being active in these offices.

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Willard Rider Ford was born in South Fields, New York, May 28, 1876. His education was begun in the South Fields public school, thereafter covering a course in the Chester Union Free School, and eventually preparing for his present activities at a trade school in New York City. His first experience was in the employ of the Sterling Iron Company of Sterling, New York, and he later was identified with the Frank A. Hill Company at South Fields. Coming to Jersey City, New Jersey, in the year 1903, Mr. Ford established himself in the contracting business and has since gone forward along this line with marked success. He has handled many important contracts, involving great interests and large sums of money, and his success in his chosen field of activity has placed him among the foremost men of the day in Hudson county. He has few interests outside of his business, but is a member of the Masonic Club, the Craftsmen's Club, and the Men's Club of the First Congregational Church of Jersey City. His religious affiliation is with the First Congregational Church of Jersey City.

Mr. Ford married, June 29, 1904, at Monroe, New York, Lillian Dale Sutherland, daughter of William and Emma F. Sutherland. Mr. and Mrs. Ford are the parents of two children: Dorothy Sutherland, born November 3, 1906; and Katherine Sutherland, born May 17, 1911.

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### **BOTTI, Anthony, LL. B.,**

#### **Lawyer.**

One of the prominent professional men of Jersey City, New Jersey, is Anthony Botti, attorney and counsellor-at-law, who has attained high position at the New Jersey bar. Mr. Botti is the son of Louis Botti, who was a painter and decorator in Salento, in the Province of Sal-

erno, Italy, and came to the United States in 1880, settling in Jersey City; he is now deceased.

Anthony Botti was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, February 16, 1886. His education was begun in the Jersey City public schools, and he is a graduate of the Jersey City High School, class of 1905. Early choosing the profession in which he is now so successful, he entered New York Law School, from which he was graduated in 1908, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He passed New Jersey bar examinations within the year and was admitted as attorney, later, in 1911, being admitted as counsellor-at-law. Meanwhile, when still at law school, Mr. Botti acted as clerk in the office of Warren Dixon. Immediately following his admittance to the bar, he formed a partnership with Douglas T. T. Story, as Story & Botti, and for five years this association endured. Mr. Botti has since practiced independently, largely along the lines of criminal and real estate law. He is counsel for the Italian Building and Loan Association, is a leading figure in all efforts for Italian-American advancement, and is especially active in Americanization work. Mr. Botti was the first lawyer of Italian extraction to practice in Jersey City and he has not only gained personal success in a marked degree, but has won for his group of professional men a position of dignity, where they command the highest esteem of their contemporaries in every line of effort. He is a member of the Hudson County Bar Association and the Jersey City Chamber of Commerce.

A Democrat by political affiliation, Mr. Botti is a worker in the party, but has never thus far sought nor accepted public office. Fraternally he is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is socially connected with the







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Clio Club, and his choice of recreative interests include music and the opera. Mr. Botti's chief activities, however, outside of his profession, are the work of the church and its societies. He is president of the Hudson County Federation of Holy Name Societies, and has twice been president of the Holy Name Society of the Sacred Heart Parish of the Dominican Fathers. His work in this connection was so deeply appreciated that upon his retirement from office he was presented with a very beautiful emblem as acknowledgment of his usefulness. A member of the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church of Jersey City, he is chairman of the extension committee of the Newark Diocese, which promotes the Holy Name work in all parishes of the Diocese, in which are included the churches of Essex, Hudson, Bergen, Passaic, Sussex and Morris counties.

Mr. Botti married, in Jersey City, Gertrude E. Moriarty, daughter of Daniel Moriarty, who was a sergeant in the police department of Jersey City. Mr. and Mrs. Botti have two children: Anthony, Jr., and John.

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### **McCARREN, Frank Xavier,**

**Public Official.**

Frank X. McCarren began his connection with the present line of produce business at an early age and has continued it ever since in Jersey City, New Jersey. His parents were John and Catherine (Lawler) McCarren, and of their eight children four are living, namely: Frank X.; Ann, of Scranton, Pennsylvania; Catherine, of Niagara Falls; and John, living in Newark, New Jersey. The father was born in Monaghan, Ireland, in 1834, coming to America alone at the age of fifteen, locating in New York City, coming to Jersey City, New Jersey,

in 1877. He died in 1887. The mother, who was a native of New York City, died in August, 1892, aged thirty-nine years.

Frank Xavier McCarren was born in New York City, February 5, 1870, and when the family moved to Jersey City, New Jersey, in 1877, he attended school there until he was eighteen. Then he entered the produce business with his father at Washington Market, and in 1897 was appointed a clerk in the office of the Water Department of Jersey City. In 1901 he was promoted to his present position as water assessor. He is a member of the Seventh Ward Democratic Club, and a communicant of the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church of Jersey City. His favorite form of recreation is baseball.

Mr. McCarren married, June 26, 1901, at Scranton, Pennsylvania, Sarah Walsh, a native of that city, daughter of Patrick and Bridget Walsh, both of whom are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. McCarren are the parents of nine children, all of them living, namely: Mary, born in April, 1902; Mildred; Helen; Eugenia; Hugh; Stanley; Geraldine; Patricia; and Frank.

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### **LEPORE, George S.,**

**Real Estate Operator, World War Veteran.**

After several years of varied business activities, George S. Lepore engaged in the real estate business in West Hoboken, where he is meeting with marked success. He is associated with J. De Sena, under the firm name of De Sena & Lepore, with offices at No. 547 Bergenline avenue.

Pasquale Lepore, father of Mr. Lepore, is a native of Italy, who came to this country and settled in West Hoboken, New Jersey, where for the past fifteen years he has been engaged in business as a general contractor. He mar-

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ried Concetta Dommarumina, also a native of Italy, and they are the parents of eight children, four boys and four girls: A. Michael, who is an attorney in West Hoboken; John M., who is engaged in construction work; Lawrence, also engaged in construction work; George S., of further mention; Mary; Adelinia; Louise; and Elsie.

George S. Lepore, son of Pasquale and Concetta (Dommarumina) Lepore, was born in Italy, August 29, 1895, and came to this country with his parents when he was a small child. He received his education in the public schools of West Hoboken, and when his high school course was completed engaged in several lines of business activities and partly learned several trades. In these varied activities he spent several years, and finally established a bus line of his own, running through North Hudson. That line he still continues to own and manage, but his energies are personally devoted to a real estate business which he established in February, 1923, in West Hoboken. He first engaged in buying and selling real property alone, but later he associated with him J. De Sena, who since June 1, 1923, has been sharing his business activities under the name of De Sena & Lepore. The partners handle all lines of insurance and real estate brokerage business, and are building up a thriving concern. Their office is located at No. 537 Bergenline avenue, West Hoboken, and each month brings to them many new patrons. In addition to his interests in the bus line and in the real estate business, Mr. Lepore is also associated with the Lepore Construction Company of West Hoboken.

Mr. Lepore casts his vote independently. After the entrance of the United States into the World War he enlisted and was assigned to the 37th Infantry on the Mex-

ican border. Later he was transferred to Camp Pike, Arkansas, where for three months he was in the officers' training camp. He was discharged in 1919 with the rank of sergeant, at Camp Meade. Fraternally he holds membership in the Knights of Columbus, of West Hoboken; and he is also a member and president of the Warren Club; financial secretary of the Italian-American Democratic Club, of West Hoboken; and secretary and director of the Hillside Bus Line. His religious affiliation is with the Catholic church. Mr. Lepore is unmarried.

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### GREENBERG, Joseph,

**Lawyer, World War Veteran.**

With his brother, William Greenberg, Mr. Greenberg established a law firm in Hoboken, New Jersey, which has become one of the leaders in that city. They are well known in political and fraternal circles and active in Jewish social organizations. Harris and Jessie (Goldberg) Greenberg are the parents of Joseph and William Greenberg, of whom further; and six other children.

Joseph Greenberg was born in New York City, June 5, 1895, and began his education in the public schools in Hoboken, graduating from the high school. Later he attended the New York University Law School, graduating in 1916 and receiving his degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was admitted to the bar in 1916 and began practicing his profession in Jersey City, New Jersey, and was so engaged until he enlisted in the army for service during the World War, when he served as a sergeant overseas for fifteen months in the judge advocate general's department. After his discharge from the service, he established an office in Hoboken, and in 1922 took his brother as partner to form the firm of Greenberg & Greenberg,



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locating at No. 84 Washington street, Hoboken, New Jersey.

In politics Mr. Greenberg is a Democrat, and is president of the Young Men's Hebrew Democratic Club of Hoboken. Fraternally he is a member of the Loyal Order of Moose. He is also a director of the Jewish Community Center, and ex-president of the Young Men's Hebrew Association. In religion he is a member of Moses Montefiore Synagogue in Hoboken.

William Greenberg, brother of Joseph Greenberg, was born in Hoboken, August 2, 1899. He obtained his education in the public schools there and at New York University Law School, and while at the latter institution served in the Students' Training Army Corps. Politically he is a Democrat. He is engaged in Americanization work at the Hoboken High School. He is affiliated with the Loyal Order of Moose, and the Golden Rule Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. He is an ex-president of the Young Men's Hebrew Association, and in religion is a member of Moses Montefiore Synagogue.

William Greenberg married, on March 18, 1923, in Brooklyn, New York, Anne Fishman, whose father, Louis Fishman, is a clothing manufacturer in New York City.

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### **McFEELY, Edward J.,**

#### **Chief of Police.**

Hoboken seems to be a community in which executive and administrative ability mature early. At the present time it has the honor of being served not only by the youngest superintendent of schools in the United States, Daniel S. Kealey, but also by the youngest chief of police in the country, Edward J. McFeely, both of whom are natives of Hoboken. The newly-elected "chief" has

been identified with the police department of Hoboken for fourteen years and has earned his promotion by faithful and efficient service.

Born in Hoboken, New Jersey, September 23, 1884, Edward J. McFeely is the son of Bernard J. McFeely, a native of Ireland, and of Mary (Curley) McFeely. He received his education in the parochial schools of his native city, and then found his first employment in association with his brother, Bernard McFeely, who was engaged in the trucking and contracting business, and later learned the trade of plumbing. The connection with his brother he maintained until 1909, when he received a position as patrolman on the Hoboken police force. He was later promoted to the rank of sergeant, then lieutenant, and then to the rank of captain, in February, 1920. He was honored with an appointment to the responsible position of chief of the police force of Hoboken, May 22, 1923. As Mr. McFeely's brother, Bernard McFeely, had also devoted his time to public activities, the business in which the two had been engaged was given up after Edward J. McFeely became a member of the police force. Bernard McFeely is now one of the members of the city commission of Hoboken, and director of public safety. When the original owners of the contracting and trucking business transferred their attentions to the responsibilities of public office, the business was taken over by James McFeely, who still continues to successfully operate the business. Edward J. McFeely gives his support to the principles and the candidates of the Democratic party, and his interest in the public welfare extends to all those projects which are launched for the betterment of the common good. He is courageous, resourceful and faithful in the discharge of his duties and has the

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natural ability which succeeds in "getting things done." He has won the confidence and esteem, not only of his associates on the police force, but of the public officials of the town and of the citizens in general. During the World War he was active in promoting the interests of the various "drives," and contributed a large share to the interest and enthusiasm which carried the city of Hoboken "over the top." He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and his religious affiliation is with the Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Church of Hoboken.

### SCHRADER, Christian Charles,

**Real Estate Broker.**

A noteworthy figure among the progressive young men of Hudson county, New Jersey, is Christian Charles Schrader, who holds a leading position in real estate circles in Jersey City and, among the organizations forwarding the interests of this business, is active in all advance. Mr. Schrader is a son of Christian Charles and Emma (Rau) Schrader, his father one of the foremost citizens of Jersey City for many years, and one of the most important realty operators and brokers in Hudson county. He was the founder of the present interest, continuing as its nominal head until his death, which occurred in August of 1917. For several years his health was greatly impaired, but his presence in an advisory capacity was a definite force for the continued advance of the interest. Mrs. Schrader still survives her husband.

Christian Charles Schrader, son of Christian Charles and Emma (Rau) Schrader, was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, January 5, 1897. His education was begun in the local public schools, and after completing the course at the Jersey City high schools, he studied at the Pace

Institute of New York City, and at other institutions, notably Eagan's Business School of Hoboken. Making a specialty of accounting, he also studied law, and although he has thus far never taken the bar examinations, he has familiarized himself exhaustively with commercial law, regarding this as a special equipment for his activities in the business world. Mr. Schrader further took a course in law with the Blackstone Institute of Chicago, also covered a general commercial course with the Alexander Hamilton Institute of New York City. In stenography he acquired unusual expertness, studying under Willard B. Bottome, the former world's champion.

Mr. Schrader's first business experience was with the Worthington Pump Works, in the capacity of private secretary to Chief Engineer E. P. Worden. He then became identified with the Clark Drilling Corporation, of New York City, where he was active as assistant secretary. His next affiliation was with the American Shipbuilding Corporation, at No. 11 Broadway, as secretary to the vice-president, M. Brown; then for a time he was with the Standard Oil Company, in Bayonne, after which he was transferred to the New York offices of this great concern as an accountant on the West India Division. In this connection Mr. Schrader made up all reports on Form 1099 for the United States Internal Revenue, both for the West India Division and the New Jersey office, and also handled, or audited, much accounting. After five years with the Standard Oil Company he established himself independently in the real estate business in Jersey City, and with offices at No. 119 Bowers street; and branch offices in the Hudson City Savings Bank, at Five Corners, Jersey City; and No. 116 Hudson street, Hoboken, New Jersey; has since developed a very import-



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ant interest. During the last years of his father's life, Mr. Schrader did most of the detail work of his office, and in succeeding to the Schrader interests took up the management of the extensive affairs connected therewith as an experienced and thoroughly capable executive. He has won high rank in his chosen line of activity, is a member of the Bergen Association, the Hudson County Real Estate Board, in which connection he has served on many committees.

He assisted in the organization of the Multiple Listing Exchange of Hudson County, in which he is active on the board of governors, and is a member of the Real Estate League of New Jersey, the National Real Estate Association, and the Real Estate Salesmen's Club of New York City. By political faith Mr. Schrader is a Democrat, and a leading figure in the Twelfth Ward Democratic Club, also the Inter-Allied Club of West Hoboken. Interested broadly in all civic and general advance, his activities in the World War were limited to the home endeavors, as he was rejected for the army on account of defective eyesight. He is a member of Jersey City Lodge, No. 211, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is affiliated with St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church of Jersey City.

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### **BACH, Nicholas Michael, Jr.,**

#### **Lawyer.**

In professional circles in Hudson county, New Jersey, Nicholas M. Bach, Jr., of Union, is counted among the promising and enterprising young men of the day. Trained in the institutions of the Metropolitan district, he was admitted to the bar of his native State as early as the age limit would permit, and is now carrying forward a prosperous and steadily growing practice. Mr. Bach is a son of

Nicholas and Josephine (Mermet) Bach, old residents of West Hoboken, New Jersey, the father active in the butcher business and highly esteemed both as a merchant and as a citizen.

Nicholas M. Bach, Jr., was born in Hoboken, New Jersey, April 26, 1900. His education was begun in the local public schools, and he is a graduate of Emerson High School, of the class of 1918. Ambitious from boyhood to enter a profession, the young man then entered New York University School of Law, from which he was graduated in the class of 1921, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Admitted to the New Jersey bar in the June term of the same year, Mr. Bach served his clerkship with Frank J. Quarini, then established his office in West Hoboken, and has since gained a gratifying start in his professional activities. A young man of broad interests and keenly alert to the problems of his time, Mr. Bach enlisted for service in the World War at the age of eighteen years, and served in the officers' training camp at New York, but the armistice was signed before he was called into active service, and he did not participate in the actual struggle. He is a member of the North Hudson Bar Association, but has few interests which are not closely allied with his work.

Mr. Bach married, in Yonkers, New York, on June 18, 1919, Laura Hamilton, daughter of Henry and Laura (Mallard) Hamilton.

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### **VARLEY, Herbert P.,**

#### **Business Man, World War Veteran.**

Well known in automobile circles over a wide district centering in Hoboken, New Jersey, Herbert P. Varley is counted among the largely successful young men of the day, but he is even more widely

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known as a veteran of the World War and of the Mexican border activities just prior to that struggle. Broadly representative of the present day attitude toward commercial and general advance, Mr. Varley has won large success and is going forward to ever greater prosperity. He is a son of Peter Paul and Gertrude A. Varley, and the father, who is now deceased, was for many years general passenger agent on the Netherland Steamship Line and was financially interested in a very considerable way in a bottling works in New York City. The mother still survives the husband and father.

Herbert P. Varley was born in New York City, October 19, 1892. His education was received in the public schools of New York City, and following the completion of his studies he entered the employ of the General Electric Company, in their New York office, where he was active for one year. He then entered banking in the employ of the Merchants' National Bank, of Hoboken, New Jersey, where he spent a similar period. The unprecedented growth of the motor car industry, however, held his attention, and he then determined to make some phase of the automobile industry his life work. He entered the employ of the Mitchell Motor Car Company as stock clerk, filling this position for two years, then became identified with the Ford interests, at New York, as a roadman, and was thus active for a period of eleven years. Coming to Hoboken, New Jersey, in 1923, Mr. Varley bought out the automobile sales and service interest of John Paul, in April, 1923, changing the name to the Varley Motor Corporation, and has since gone forward as president of the organization, winning large success, although he has been active in this connection for only a comparatively short time. He handles

Lincoln and Ford cars and has a very handsome and complete salesroom on Washington street, Hoboken, New Jersey, also a finely equipped service department.

Lieutenant Varley's military record begins with his enlistment on June 19, 1916. He served on the Mexican border with the 105th Machine Gun Battalion, 27th Division; not long after his return East, he was transferred to the First New York Cavalry (Rough Riders) and was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. He served overseas for one year and was wounded at Saint Souplet. He served in Flanders and against the Hindenburg line, also at Cambrai, Saint Quentin and Mount Kemmal. He received his honorable discharge from the service at the Fox Hills Hospital in December, 1919. Lieutenant Varley is a member of the Lions Club, and in political affairs holds independent conviction. He is affiliated with the Episcopal church.

Herbert P. Varley married, at Brooklyn, New York, June 3, 1922, Katherine L. Norcross, daughter of George B. and Pauline L. (Ludlam) Norcross. Her father was engaged in the steel business at Cleveland, Ohio, during his lifetime, but is now deceased. The mother still survives her husband.

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### HALPERN, Harold,

Lawyer.

In legal circles in Hoboken, New Jersey, Harold Halpern is counted among the promising young men of the day, and although he has not yet begun independent practice he is gaining an assured footing in the profession. He is a son of Samuel Halpern, who was born in Austria, but came alone to America as a young man, locating first in New York City. Not long afterwards he settled





*Harold Halpern*



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permanently in Hoboken, New Jersey, where he has resided for the past thirty-five years. He began merchandising activities as soon as he became established in this country, and has developed a very large and important retail furniture business, known as the New York Furniture Company, of Hoboken, of which he is now president. This is located at Nos. 551-553 First street, Hoboken, and is counted among the really important enterprises in its field in this section. The family residence is at No. 924 Bloomfield street. The mother, Katherine (Schechter) Halpern, was also born in Austria, but died in Hoboken, December 21, 1916, aged about forty-eight years. The children of these parents are: Charles L.; David; Benjamin F.; Jeanette, wife of A. L. Teifeld; Max; Harold; Rose A. E.; and Sydelle F.

Harold Halpern was born in Hoboken, New Jersey, April 9, 1901. His education was begun in the local public schools, and he was graduated from grammar school No. 6, in the class of 1914. Graduated later from the Hoboken High School, in the class of 1918, he then entered the New York University School of Law, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Law in the class of 1922. Meanwhile, since the year 1918, Mr. Halpern has been associated with Judge William J. Hanley, and since being admitted to the bar of New Jersey in November, 1922, Mr. Halpern has been in active practice in this connection. During the spring of 1923 he was campaigning for the local Democratic party for Mayor Griffin, and he was also active previously in the gubernatorial campaign which placed Governor Edwards in the highest office in the State. Mr. Halpern is affiliated with Ezra Lodge, No. 215, Free and Accepted Masons; Hoboken Lodge, No. 74, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and the Young

Men's Hebrew Association. He is one of the popular young men of the day in social circles, and while at New York University was a leader in all social activities. He served as chairman of the entertainment committee at the university, and had charge of the first senior hop at the Waldorf-Astoria in April, 1922.

Three of Mr. Halpern's brothers were active in the World War, David and Benjamin F. having been in the radio division, stationed in New York City, while Max was overseas in France for two years and took part in the activities in the Argonne Forest, also in the battle of St. Mihiel, attached to the 78th Division, which was the regular New Jersey Division, and was popularly known as the "Lightning Division." The family attend the Hoboken Synagogue.

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### MOHN, Harold,

#### Contractor.

One of the successful contractors of Hoboken is Harold Mohn, who is at the head of a heating and roofing business established by his grandfather, William J. Mohn, Sr., 1867. The concern is now the leading one of its kind in Hoboken.

William J. Mohn, Jr., son of William J. Mohn, Sr., was born in Hoboken, New Jersey, and after receiving a practical education in the public schools of his native city became associated with his father in the heating and roofing business. The firm sold many ranges in the early days of its existence, and gave much less attention to the roofing department of the business than at present. William J. Mohn, Jr., greatly developed the roofing business and continued to successfully conduct the enterprise to the time of his death in 1921. He married Selina Russell, a native of New York City, who survives her husband and is now living at Weehawken, New Jersey,



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and they became the parents of Harold Mohn.

Harold Mohn son of William J., Jr., and Selina (Russell) Mohn, was born in Hoboken, New Jersey, March 2, 1891. He attended the public schools of Jersey City, and after completing his high school course went to Youngstown, Ohio, where he learned the roofing business. In 1915 he returned East and associated himself with his father in Hoboken. Six years later, in the fall of 1921, he engaged in business for himself, but his father died shortly afterward and he took over the original business established by his grandfather. In addition to his responsibilities as proprietor of a large contracting business, he has given attention to careful investment, and is one of the stockholders of the Columbus Trust Company, of Hoboken, New Jersey. He casts his vote independently, and though he is deeply interested in the general welfare of the community in which he lives he has never found time for the responsibilities of public office. His religious affiliation is with the Congregational church of Hoboken.

On October 22, 1915, at Jersey City, New Jersey, Harold Mohn married Grace Siegmund, who was born in Jersey City, daughter of August S. Siegmund, an expert lithographer, and of Adilade (Trewin) Siegmund. Mr. and Mrs. Mohn are the parents of two children: Robert and Chester.

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### CELLA, Louis J.,

**Lawyer, Real Estate Operator.**

One of the representative men of the legal profession in Hudson county is Louis J. Cella, who established his own real estate and insurance business before he began his professional study.

Born in New York City, September,

1881, Mr. Cella is a son of Anthony L. Cella, a native of Italy, who came to this country and engaged in the retail fruit business in New York City, and of Rose (Lagomarsino) Cella, also a native of Italy. He received his early education in the public schools of New York City, and after the completion of his high school course opened a real estate and insurance office at No. 202 Hudson street, Hoboken. That was in 1909. After his business was well established, he became a student in the New Jersey Law School of Newark, New Jersey, from which he was graduated in 1917 with the degree Bachelor of Laws. He was admitted to the New Jersey State bar in 1920, and is now located at No. 206 Hudson street, Hoboken, where in addition to attending to the needs of a growing clientele he is also conducting a thriving real estate and insurance business. He is laying the foundation of a successful career and is winning in a high degree the esteem of his associates. He takes an active interest in local public affairs, and for the past ten years has served as justice of the peace in Hoboken. During the period of the participation of the United States in the World War he served on the Realty Board for service during the Liberty Loan drives, and was active in the promotion of all the war activities. Fraternally, he is a member of Lodge No. 74, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Hoboken, New Jersey; and his religious affiliation is with SS. Peter and Paul Church in Hoboken. Mr. Cella is the father of one daughter, Yolonda, born in February, 1912.

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### BEYER, Max J.,

**Architect.**

As a designer of beautiful and serviceable residences, of well planned buildings

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for commercial purposes, and of public structures, Max J. Beyer has added considerably to the aesthetic and economic development of Hudson county. After careful preparation for his work, Mr. Beyer engaged in business as an architect more than thirty years ago, and hundreds of the residents of Hoboken, Weehawken and vicinity are now living in houses planned by him, transacting business in plants of his design, and meeting in public buildings which were conceived by Mr. Beyer or his father.

Albert Beyer, father of Max J. Beyer, was a native of Germany, who came to this country at an early date and settled in Hoboken, New Jersey, where he was engaged in business as civil engineer and architect, throughout the period of his active career, as Beyer & Tivy, 1878 to 1892, and Beyer & McCann, 1892-1899. During the last fifteen years of his life he lived retired in Dresden, Germany. He died in the year 1922. He married Ida ———, whose death occurred in 1893, and they were the parents of three children: Richard A., director of the Hoboken Vocational School System; Mrs. Joseph T. Spoth, of Lime Rock, Connecticut; and Max J., of further mention.

Max J. Beyer, son of Albert and Ida Beyer, was born in North Bergen, New Jersey, September 22, 1872. He received his earliest education in the public schools of Jersey City and of Hoboken. When his general school training was completed, he became a student in Cooper Union, New York City, where he studied civil engineering. He then matriculated in the Brooklyn Institute of Architecture, from which he was graduated as an architect. When his architectural course was completed, he engaged in business with his father, in the concern known as Beyer & Tivy, of Hoboken. That was in 1889, and during the thirty-four years which

have passed since that time Mr. Beyer has been continuously and successfully engaged in business as an architect. Three years after Mr. Beyer became associated with his father's firm, the company was reorganized and the name changed to that of Beyer & McCann, with which concern Max J. Beyer continued for about eight years. At the end of that time, in 1900, he formed a partnership with his father and opened an office in Hoboken. The enterprise was successful, and after the retirement of the father in 1902, Mr. Beyer took entire charge of the business. For more than twenty years he has been the efficient owner and manager of a steadily growing architectural business, and he has made for himself an enviable reputation as a skillful architect, possessed of both technical and artistic ability, and as a man of prompt and honest business methods. The field of his operation is not confined to Weehawken and Hoboken or to Hudson county, but extends over a wide territory throughout the country. In many different sections may be seen fine specimens of his skillful, artistic, and careful work. Satisfied patrons have constantly brought to him new patrons, and there is every prospect that his already large business will continue to grow and prosper. Politically Mr. Beyer gives his support to the principles and the candidates of the Democratic party. Fraternally he is a member of Lodge No. 74, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Hoboken, New Jersey; of Lodge No. 99, Royal Arcanum, of Hoboken, New Jersey; and he is also a member of the Third Ward Democratic Club of Weehawken, which he has served as a member of the board of trustees for the past year. His religious affiliation is with Trinity Church (Presbyterian) of Hoboken.

In November, 1900, at Hoboken, New

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Jersey, Max J. Beyer married Ella Jurgs, who was born in Kiel, Germany, daughter of John Jurgs, a contractor in Hoboken (deceased), and of Catherine Jurgs, who is now living in Bogota, New Jersey.

### **ZLONCZEWSKI, Adam Paul,**

**Lawyer, Active in World War.**

Although not yet twenty-four years of age, Adam Paul Zlonczewski is taking a definite place in the professional life of Hudson county, New Jersey, as a rising attorney and a leader in the local forces of the Democratic party. A young man of progressive spirit, a native of Jersey City and the product of twentieth century American educational institutions, he is broadly representative of the movement of the times, and his friends are confident that his future will be one of significance to the people as well as to himself.

Paul Zlonczewski, Mr. Zlonczewski's father, was born in Poland, and came to the United States alone in the year 1885, when only fourteen years of age. Locating at once in Jersey City, he became one of the foremost men of the city in the activities of his fellow-countrymen, and at the time of his death, which occurred in Jersey City, February 28, 1919, he was the virtual head of all the Polish lodges of this city. The mother, Eva (Plocharski) Zlonczewski, who was also born in Poland, is still living and a resident of Jersey City, where the six children of these parents all reside. They are: Martha, wife of George J. Urban; Adam P., whose name entitles this review; Helen, at home; Teresa, wife of Louis E. Norwicz, M. D.; Edward B.; and Frank S. A.

Adam Paul Zlonczewski was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, December 13, 1899. Taking up his elementary studies in the local public schools, he was grad-

uated from Grammar School No. 1 in the class of 1914, then entered Dickinson High School, from which he was graduated four years later. The following August he enlisted for service in the World War, and was stationed at the Officers' Training Camp, New York University, for about four months, the signing of the armistice bringing hostilities to a close before he received his commission. He was discharged from the service on December 19, 1918. In the following year Mr. Zlonczewski took up his professional studies, entering the New York University School of Law, then after three years at that institution, completed his work at the New Jersey Law School in Newark, and was graduated from that institution in February, 1922. Later admitted to the bar of New Jersey as an attorney, he is now active in the practice of his chosen profession in Jersey City, with offices located at No. 76 Montgomery street. Mr. Zlonczewski is attaining marked success, and although he has so recently entered the field, he is already making himself felt as a progressive and forward-looking professional man.

Mr. Zlonczewski has been an active worker in the ranks of the Democratic party since attaining his majority, and in the last election did much forceful and effective campaign work. His name is being brought forward as a candidate for the State Assembly on the Democratic ticket in November, 1923, and it is considered in many circles that his popularity will not only argue favorably for his election, but will strengthen the ticket. Mr. Zlonczewski is a member of the Hudson County Bar Association, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and his chief recreative interest is motoring. He is single, and is a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church (Polish) on Sussex street, Jersey City.



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### MEISTER, John G.,

#### **Business Man.**

Both as a successful business man and as a faithful and efficient public official John G. Meister is well known in the township of Weehawken. He is a member of one of the pioneer families in the Highwood Park section of the township. Born in New York City in 1889, he moved to Highwood Park with his parents when he was but six years of age and after attending the elementary and grammar schools of Weehawken, entered the Union Hill High School, from which he was graduated. After completing his high school course he became interested in the real estate and insurance business and soon opened his own office. He has been notably successful both as a realtor and as an insurance man and though one of the youngest engaged in his line there, is one of the leading real estate brokers of his section. In addition to his responsibilities as a successful realtor, Mr. Meister was made employment manager for the Weehawken General Electric Lamp Works, in 1918, and that executive position he is still efficiently filling. He has made an enviable reputation as an able and trustworthy business man, and has won the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has been associated. In 1912 he was elected tax assessor for the township of Weehawken, his term to begin January 1, 1913, and in 1916, 1919, and 1921 he has been reelected to the same office. He also holds the office of vital statistician and has discharged the duties of both offices to the full satisfaction of the people of Weehawken, who predict for him a bright political career. He is a public-spirited and enterprising citizen, who is deeply concerned in the welfare of the community and is always willing to contribute his share toward

the advancement of any project which is planned for the benefit of the town. He is a member of the Board of Health of Weehawken, of the Highwood Fire Company, and of several political associations. He is a member of Union Hill High School Alumni Association, the Weehawken Rotary Club, and fraternally is affiliated with Union Hill Lodge, No. 1357, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Meister has a host of friends in the township of Weehawken and vicinity.

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### NEMSER, Saul,

#### **Lawyer.**

One of the promising young professional men of Jersey City is Saul Nemser, whose offices are located at No. 75 Montgomery street, and who is a son of Isaac Nemser, long active in business in this city, but now retired. Isaac Nemser was born in Vilna, Russia, in November, 1871, and at the age of twenty-four years came to America, locating in New York City. Later he came to Jersey City, and for thirty years conducted a jewelry store at the corner of Washington and Montgomery streets. He retired from all active business in 1913, and now resides at No. 427 Jersey avenue, Jersey City. He married, in 1892, in New York City, Esther Salkin, also a native of Vilna, Russia, and they are the parents of three children: Saul, of further mention; David, who died at the age of twelve years; and Freda Gertrude, who was born March 10, 1900.

Saul Nemser was born in New York City, January 13, 1893, the family removing to Jersey City when he was six months old. He later entered the public schools of this city, and was graduated from Grammar School No. 9, in June, 1907. Four years later he was graduated

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from Dickinson High School, then, in 1913, was graduated from the New York Law School. Still too young to be admitted to practice, he was received at the New Jersey bar in February, 1915, and has since been active in the practice of his chosen profession with steadily increasing success. A talented speaker, forceful and persuasive, he was brought forward in the gubernatorial campaign of 1919, which placed the Hon. Mr. Edwards in the highest office of the State.

Mr. Nemser is a member of the Hudson County Bar Association and the New Jersey State Bar Association, and his fraternal affiliations are with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith. He was a noted athlete during his school days, playing on the football team in high school, and still keeps in touch with outdoor sports.

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### QUIGLEY, Frederick J.,

Physician.

For the past fifteen years Dr. Frederick J. Quigley has been engaged in general medical practice in Hudson county, New Jersey, where he has won in a high degree the confidence and esteem of a large clientele.

Mr. Quigley was born in Coxsackie, New York, December 6, 1883, son of James H. Quigley, a marine engineer, and Margaret (Fox) Quigley.

After receiving his degree of Doctor of Medicine, he served an internship in St. Joseph's Hospital, Paterson, New Jersey, then opened an office in Union Hill, New Jersey, in 1908, and since that time has been successfully engaged in general practice in that community and vicinity. He has built up a large and important clientele, and has made for

himself an excellent reputation as a faithful and skillful practitioner.

In addition to the responsibilities of his private practice Dr. Quigley is attending surgeon at St. Mary's Hospital of Hoboken, and also of the Hudson County Hospital. During the World War Dr. Quigley enlisted for service as a member of the Sanitary Train of the 5th Division, with which he served for two years, one of which was spent in service overseas. He entered with the rank of lieutenant, passing through the various grades to lieutenant-colonel, and was honorably discharged June 12, 1919. He is still a member of the Reserve Corps. With all his professional responsibilities Dr. Quigley finds time for social and for fraternal affiliation. He is a member of Lodge No. 74, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Hoboken; of the Knights of Columbus; a member and president of the North Hudson Chapter of the Reserve Officers of America; and also of the Kiwanis Club.

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### McKEON, James L.,

Lawyer.

James L. McKeon was born in Newark, New Jersey, August 12, 1890, son of John and Mary McKeon, both of whom are still living. He is a product of the Catholic schools and training, receiving his preliminary education in the Holy Cross Parochial School at Harrison, proceeding in due course to St. Patrick's Cathedral School in the city of Newark. After completing the course of study at St. Patrick's, Mr. McKeon entered St. Benedict's College, in Newark, and spent four years in the study of the liberal arts. At St. Benedict's he was well-grounded in the classics and established a reputation for scholarship in Latin. The legal



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bent of his mind had early become apparent and throughout the years he spent at St. Benedict's College it was his plan to make the law his profession. He was graduated from the New Jersey Law School in 1916, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, and immediately thereafter entered upon the practice of his profession as an associate of Jones and Gleason, a distinguished legal firm of Newark. Mr. McKeon was admitted to the State bar of New Jersey on December 13, 1917, and shortly afterwards established his legal practice in the town of Harrison, New Jersey. On December 16, 1920, he was admitted to the State bar as counsellor. His manifest ability united with his enthusiasm for the law has highly recommended him to men older than himself in the legal profession, and from the beginning of his career as an independent practitioner he has received unmistakable proof of their friendship and esteem.

In political faith Mr. McKeon is a Democrat and has become known as a staunch adherent of Democratic policies and principles. He is a member of the Hudson County Bar Association. Mr. McKeon is an active member of the Catholic church at Harrison. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, holds the office of treasurer of Kearny Council, No. 402, at Harrison, and is also a member of the Tanta-aqua Democratic Club of Kearny, and St. Benedict's Athletic Club. Mr. McKeon is president of the Citizens' League of the town of Kearny, and is also secretary for the Security Building Loan Association of Harrison, New Jersey, and counsellor for the Harrison Lock Works, Incorporated, of Harrison, New Jersey.

Mr. McKeon married, June 16, 1920, at Newark, Margaret Cunnane, daughter

of James J. and Bridget Cunnane. Mr. and Mrs. McKeon have one son, James McKeon, Jr.

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### ENGELHARD, William,

#### **Bank Official.**

Since the completion of his academic training the business career of William Engelhard has been identified with the West Hudson County Trust Company, of which he is now assistant treasurer. Mr. Engelhard was born in New York City, August 28, 1879, son of William, brew-master, who was born in Germany, November 15, 1854, and Elizabeth (Cawein) Engelhard, also a native of Germany, born March 12, 1853. After receiving a careful education in the public schools of Harrison, New Jersey, and in Newark Academy, he identified himself with the West Hudson County Trust Company, and that connection he has continuously maintained to the present time (1923). Through successive promotions he has steadily risen from the modest capacity in which his association with the concern began to his present official position as assistant treasurer of the concern, and he is still devoting his time and his energy to the advancement of the interests of that organization. For fifteen years Mr. Engelhard served as a member of the First New Jersey Infantry, National Guard, of which he holds a captain's commission. Fraternally he is affiliated with Copestone Lodge, No. 47, Free and Accepted Masons, of Kearny, New Jersey, of which he served as master in 1909; with Union Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Newark; New Jersey Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, of Jersey City; Radiant Star Lodge, No. 190, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Newark; and Kearny



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Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Kearny, New Jersey.

Mr. Engelhard was a member of the school board from 1915 to 1920, and also served on the Republican County Committee. He is a director of the Consolidated Building Loan in Harrison and is vice-president of the Mutual Benefit Association of Kearny, New Jersey. His religious affiliation is with Christ Episcopal Church, of Harrison, of which he has been vestryman for the past twenty years. Mr. Engelhard is highly esteemed among his many friends and has also won a high place in the esteem of his business associates.

On April 16, 1906, in New York City, William Engelhard married Katherine Zimmer, who was born in New York City, September 18, 1878, daughter of Ludwig and Katherine (Able) Zimmer, both natives of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Engelhard are the parents of three children: William, who was born in Harrison, New Jersey, January 15, 1907; Edward, who was born in Kearny, February 15, 1909; and George, who was born in Kearny, April 17, 1913.

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### GOODMAN, Peter J.,

**Journalist.**

Of New York City birth and Irish parentage, Mr. Goodman, both by birth and environment was liberally endowed with natural gifts and the proper training to win success in journalism. A ready writer thoroughly informed, with strong, energetic driving power, he was widely known and justly popular in his adopted State, New Jersey. He was a son of Philip and Ann (McDonald) Goodman and a grandson of Peter Goodman, his parents residents of New York City at the time of the birth of their son.

Peter J. Goodman was born in New York City, January 30, 1860, but later Harrison, New Jersey, became the family home and there he attended parochial school. Later he was a student at the Christian Brothers St. Patrick's School, in Newark, New Jersey, then engaged in the newspaper and general stationery business. He soon became interested in journalism and for many years was engaged as a writer for New York and Newark newspapers, developing a style and talent that brought him recognition as one of the able men of the professions.

In politics a Democrat, he took an active part in local affairs, particularly with the Harrison Fire Department, in which he served three terms as chief engineer. He was also a member of the Adjustment Commission.

Mr. Goodman married, February 16, 1887, Mary T. Coburn, daughter of Thomas and Catherine (Griffin) Coburn, of Harrison, New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Goodman are the parents of six children: Mary V., married Joseph F. Lynch; James J., single, in business with his father; Peter B., connected with the Harrison Fire Department; Thomas, deceased; William, deceased; and Helen, deceased.

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### PURDY, Charles Humphrey,

**Physician.**

One of the foremost physicians of Jersey City, New Jersey, widely known as a specialist in dermatology and very prominent in institutional work for more than a quarter of a century, is Dr. Charles H. Purdy, whose offices are located at No. 35 Highland avenue, Jersey City, and who is highly esteemed in the profession as well as among the people. Dr. Purdy is a son of William Bolter Purdy, who

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was born at Ovid, Seneca county, New York, in the year 1838, and died in 1913. He was an officer in the United States navy during the Civil War, and throughout the greater part of his lifetime was identified with the United States Express Company. He was well known fraternally, holding membership in the Free and Accepted Masons, and the Knights Templar. The mother, Caroline Stanley (Farrar) Purdy, was born in Towanda, Pennsylvania, in 1840, and died in 1902.

Charles Humphrey Purdy was born at Ovid, Seneca county, New York, July 26, 1867, and was about two years of age when the family removed to Jersey City. He first attended the local public schools, then the part-time sessions of the Jersey City high school, after which he entered Closter Preparatory School, and following his course at this institution, took up his professional studies at Bellevue Hospital Medical College, from which he was graduated in the year 1895 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Serving an internship at Christ Hospital, in Jersey City, for about two years, Dr. Purdy then established his office and took up the general practice of medicine. He was especially interested in skin diseases and their treatment and gave much time to study and research in this field in addition to his practice. A number of years ago he was obliged to curtail his activities along general lines in order to take care of his rapidly increasing practice in dermatology. He now accepts little work outside of his specialty, which fully commands his time, and in this field he is considered one of the foremost authorities of the day in America. Dr. Purdy has been active as a member of the staff of Christ Hospital for the past twenty-five years and also has for many years been identified in a similar capacity with the Jersey

City Hospital. During the World War he served with the rank of major in the United States Medical Corps for a period of nine months, acting as commander of the post hospital at Fort Howard, Maryland. He had previously been identified with the 4th Regiment, New Jersey National Guard, a Jersey City regiment, with the rank of captain, having joined the National Guard in 1896, continuing in that body up to and including the Mexican border troubles, just prior to the World War. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the Hudson County Medical Society, and is a charter member of the Practitioners' Club of Jersey City. A Democrat by political affiliation, he has served for some years as school inspector of Public School No. 9, but has otherwise been too busy with his professional work to accept public responsibility. Fraternally he is a member of Bergen Lodge, No. 47, Free and Accepted Masons; Lodge No. 211, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Royal Arcanum; the Military Order of Loyal Legion of United States; and the American Legion. He is also a member of Alpha Mu Pi Omega fraternity. His religious affiliation is with the Episcopal church.

Mr. Purdy was married, at Jersey City, in 1898, to Frances Beach Crossman, daughter of Captain James A. and Maria Louise (Haight) Crossman, her father identified with the Merchant Marine. Mr. and Mrs. Purdy are the parents of one daughter, Frances Louise.

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### DI MARTINO, Carl Albert, Lawyer.

A promising young lawyer of Hoboken, New Jersey, is Carl Albert Di Martino, whose success has thus far been a matter

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of his own achievement and whose future in his chosen profession seems assured. A native of the State of Pennsylvania, and educated for his life work in the West, Mr. Di Martino is a veteran of the World War and his wide familiarity with affairs and conditions counts definitely in his present activities. He is a son of Salvatore Di Martino, who was born at Santomena, Province of Salerno, Italy, December 23, 1864, and came to the United States in his youth. Locating in Scranton, Pennsylvania, he became a noted contractor of that city and one of the prosperous men of the day. Salvatore Di Martino married Pasqualina Carlucci, who was born in his native town in Italy, April 12, 1872, and died July 12, 1902, at the age of thirty years. These parents had six children, of whom three are living, as follows: Angelina, of Detroit, Michigan; Grace, wife of V. Aderante, of Bayside, Long Island; Carl Albert, the youngest of the family, is of further mention.

Carl Albert Di Martino was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, January 8, 1897. He was graduated from Grammar School No. 16, of Scranton, in the year 1910, then was graduated from Scranton Central High School in June, 1914. Four years later he graduated from Detroit College of Law, Detroit, Michigan, then in the following August he enlisted in the United States army and was detailed to the Central Officers' Training Camp, at Camp Gordon, Georgia, where he served until November 30, 1918. On that date he received his commission as second-lieutenant and also received his honorable discharge from the service. Returning to civilian life Mr. Di Martino returned to Michigan and was admitted to the bar of that State as attorney and counsellor-at-law, April 22, 1919. Three years later he

came to New Jersey and was admitted as attorney December 21, 1922. Mr. Di Martino has thus far achieved noteworthy success and is going forward along progressive lines, ever alert to the general advance of his chosen profession. In public affairs he takes a deep interest, and politically supports the Republican party, but has not yet taken a leading part in political matters. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, of Detroit, and his recreative interests are mechanics and sports, especially basket ball. He is affiliated with the Roman Catholic church.

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**SMITH, Edward Oliver,**

**Real Estate Operator.**

When a lad of fifteen Edward O. Smith left his home in Queen Anne county, Maryland, and became a resident of Baltimore. The years at home had been well employed for he had acquired a district school education, and in his father's country store had gained a knowledge of the business of buying and selling merchandise, which enabled him to enter a Baltimore store as a clerk of experience. The Baltimore fire drove him from Baltimore to Jersey City, New Jersey, where he is now engaged in the real estate and insurance business at No. 496 Jackson avenue. He is a son of George Downes and Annie May (Montague) Smith, his father for many years a farmer and merchant at Starr, Queen Anne county, Maryland, also postmaster there. In later years he moved his residence to Jersey City, New Jersey, where he is now connected with his son in the real estate and insurance business.

Edward Oliver Smith was born at the home farm in Starr, about five miles from Centreville, Queen Anne county, Mary-



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land, February 22, 1888. He attended the district school until fifteen years of age, and out of school hours helped his father in the country store and post office at Starr. In 1903 he left home and found a home in Baltimore, there obtaining a clerk's position until the Baltimore fire, then settled in Jersey City, New Jersey. In Jersey City he began clerking in his uncle's furniture store, but soon after became bookkeeper with the New York Standard Watch Company, continuing until 1909, when he was admitted a partner in the firm, Fischer & Smith, 784 Grand street, Jersey City. He continued the partnership with his father-in-law, Andrew Fischer, until March, 1918, when the firm dissolved, Mr. Smith then going into the same business, real estate and insurance, under his own name, at No. 496 Jackson street. He is a director of the Claremont Bank, of Jersey City; secretary and treasurer of the Manufacturers' Oxygen Company; secretary of the Clinton Building & Loan Association; and director of the Jackson and Phoenix Building and Loan associations. Mr. Smith is widely known and highly esteemed in his community as a man of sterling business quality. In politics he is a Democrat, and is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, of Jersey City. His clubs are the Kiwanis, of Jersey City; Shackamaxon Country, of Westfield; and the Asbury Park Golf and Country, of Asbury Park, New Jersey.

Mr. Smith married, in Jersey City, January 7, 1908, Fannie Marie Fischer, daughter of Andrew and Nickoline M. Fischer, of Jersey City. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of two children: Montague Theodore, born April 11, 1909; and Roslyn Ione, born October 17, 1919.

### STEPHAN, Philip,

#### Bank Official.

In financial advance and in the progress of the civic body, Philip Stephan is a noteworthy figure in Hoboken, New Jersey, and his activities are contributing in a very definite way to the welfare and economic security of the people. As cashier of the Second National Bank of Hoboken, Mr. Stephan holds large responsibility, and he has risen to this position from a subordinate position in the same institution. Mr. Stephan is a son of Philip and Kate (Schaefer) Stephan. The father, who has for many years been in business in New York City, is active still as a butcher, but the mother is deceased.

Philip Stephan was born at Hoboken, New Jersey, December 7, 1885. His education was begun in the public schools of Hoboken and he was graduated from the Hoboken High School in due course. At about the age of seventeen years, Mr. Stephan entered the institution of which he is now cashier, first serving in the capacity of clerk. As the years passed he was given larger responsibilities, and in 1920 he was made cashier of this institution. Widely familiar with the business men of this city, and cordially esteemed by all who know him, Mr. Stephan is considered a thoroughly representative man of the day in Hoboken, and both by his associates and the general public is honored and esteemed. Mr. Stephan's business ability has for years been recognized by the leaders of public advance, and eight years ago he was elected a member of the school commission of Hoboken. For the past six years he has served as sinking fund commissioner of Hudson county, and in this very responsible position is doing much for the public advance. During the World War he was active in all

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drives and in the many allied efforts carried on in support of the American Expeditionary Forces. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Hoboken, and is affiliated with Trinity Church of this city.

Mr. Stephan married, in Hoboken, on October 3, 1907, Alma Schmidt, daughter of the late Henry L. and Johanna (Paust) Schmidt, her father, until his death, one of the largest manufacturers of mineral water in Hudson county. Mr. and Mrs. Stephan have one child: Allen, born March 3, 1909.

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### FRIEDENBERG, David,

**Counsellor-at-Law.**

One of the younger members of the legal fraternity of Hoboken, New Jersey, who has already brought the attention of the community to him through his work as a member of the law firm of Lichtenstein & Lichtenstein, David Friedenberg is a native of East Orange, New Jersey, where he was born May 2, 1897, son of Charles A. and Bertha Friedenberg. His father was born in Germany and his mother in New York City. The former is now living and is retired from active business. Mr. Friedenberg was given the benefits of a very broad education beginning with the public schools of New York City, and the Emerson High School, Hoboken, following which he entered Columbia University and then Columbia Law School. From the former, Mr. Friedenberg received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1918, and from the latter the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1920. While attending college and law school Mr. Friedenberg was engaged in newspaper work on several dailies in Hudson and Essex counties. The same month of his graduation he was admitted to the bar

and soon afterwards to partnership with the firm above mentioned. In July, 1923, Mr. Friedenberg was admitted to practice in the courts of New Jersey and the Federal courts as a counsellor-at-law, and master-in-chancery. In common with so many of his fellow-citizens Mr. Friedenberg's career was delayed by his service in the World War, as seaman in the navy. By virtue of this service he is a member of Weehawken Post, American Legion, Weehawken, New Jersey. He is a member of the Hudson County Bar Association and is an Independent in his political beliefs. Fraternally he is a member of Ezra Lodge, No. 215, Free and Accepted Masons, of West Hoboken; Lodge No. 1456, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. While at college he was made a member of Pi Lambda Phi, and of the Alpha Chapter.

Mr. Friedenberg married, on June 24, 1923, at Long Branch, New Jersey, Diane Seaman, daughter of Myron, now deceased, and Essie Seaman. He resides at No. 19 Kensington avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey.

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### BEADELL, William Woodruff,

**Journalist.**

Starting from the prairies of Iowa during the closing decade of the nineteenth century, Mr. Beadell made his way to the eastern shore of Lake Champlain ere the century closed, then started on the return journey, but was attracted by the conditions he found in Arlington, New Jersey, and there he pitched his tent and has since made his habitation. In Iowa there is printed a newspaper on which he worked and learned the printer's trade, also the profession of journalism; in Illinois, a newspaper which he owned and published; in Vermont, a newspaper of which







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he was the manager and whose destinies he guided for six years; and in Arlington, New Jersey, "The Observer" is his monument, having owned and published that paper for twenty-one years, 1902-1923. From boyhood until the present he has been engaged in newspaper work, and since 1891 has been owner, editor, and publisher in three States, Illinois, Vermont and New Jersey.

William W. Beadell was born in Dubuque county, Iowa, December 31, 1865. He completed public school study in the high school at Le Mars, Iowa, and later entered Gallandet College, Washington, D. C., whence he was graduated A. B., class of 1891. Prior to going to college, he had learned the printer's trade in the office of the Le Mars "Sentinel," then became a reporter for the "Sentinel," and finally local editor. After college graduation he came in 1891 to Pearl City, Illinois, where for four years, 1891 to 1895, he owned and published the Pearl City "News." Closing out his interests in Pearl City, he made a long "trek" to Middlebury, Vermont, where he spent six years, 1896-1902, as editor and manager of the Middlebury "Register."

In 1902 Mr. Beadell found a new location in Arlington, Hudson county, New Jersey, and there he began the publication of "The Observer," a paper which he owns and which he has successfully published for twenty-two years (1923). Mr. Beadell is an excellent business man and has conducted his newspaper on a profitable basis. He is a strong writer, has the true journalist's instinct for news, and has made "The Observer" a valuable local medium, as well as a most interesting one. He is a member of the New York Press Club; the National Editorial Association; is a Presbyterian in his re-

ligious views, and a Republican in political faith.

Mr. Beadell married, in Washington, D. C., June 6, 1895, Luciana Chickering, daughter of Rev. John W. and Luciana (Jameson) Chickering.

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### SCHLEMM, Richard,

**Physician.**

Every community owes much to those who have lived and wrought and then passed on to the "Life Beyond," leaving their works and their influence to live after them. Among those who contributed a valuable share to the advancement of the general welfare in Hudson county was the late Dr. Richard Schlemm, who both professionally and financially is numbered among those whose influence is still active.

Dr. Richard Schlemm was born in Union Hill, New Jersey, August 18, 1865, and died in the Town of Union, October 3, 1920, son of Birchard and Louise (Werner) Schlemm, the former of whom was a native of Germany and was engaged in business as a cabinetmaker. Dr. Schlemm received his early and preparatory education in the public schools of his native town, and after graduation from the high school began professional study in Bellevue Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1885. Immediately after graduation he opened an office in Union Hill, New Jersey, and for more than thirty years he was the faithful and beloved physician, ministering to the needs of a large clientele in Union Hill and vicinity. He was one of the organizers of the North Hudson Hospital and a member of its staff to the time of his death. Though he was notably successful as a physician, however, his professional activities did not represent the entire scope of his use-

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fulness. He was officially connected with several important financial institutions and did much for the advancement of the economical interests of the county. He was a member of the board of directors of the Colonial Life Insurance Company, which official position he held to the time of his death; and he was one of the organizers and vice-president of the Town of Union branch of the People's Safe Deposit and Trust Company, which is known to-day as the Trust Company of New Jersey, of which latter he was one of the directors up to the time of his death. In addition to his professional and business activities and responsibilities Dr. Schlemm was also active in local public affairs. He served as chairman of the Board of Council in 1898 for the Town of Union, and in 1898 was elected mayor of the town, which executive office he efficiently filled for two consecutive terms, his second term expiring in 1902. In September, 1905, he served as foreman of the Grand Jury, and so well did he discharge the duties of that position that at the end of the term he was presented by the jury with a gold watch as a token of their esteem. During his lifetime he could always be depended upon to aid in any public movement that stood for the betterment of the community, and he also made many and varied contributions to charities. Among his professional associates and among his business and personal friends he was held in the highest esteem. His ability, his integrity of character, and his kindness won for him friends wherever he went, and his death in 1920, at the comparatively early age of fifty-five, came as a shock to his friends and associates, and left a vacancy which time has not yet filled. He was a member of the Arcola Country Club, and his religious affiliation was with the German Lutheran church.

On March 15, 1889, Richard Schlemm married Josephine Marie Ridgely, daughter of William Pitt and Amelia (Ceaser) Ridgely, the former of whom was a direct descendant of William Pitt, the famous English statesman. Dr. and Mrs. Schlemm became the parents of one son, William P. Ridgely Schlemm, who was born in Union Hill, New Jersey, February 19, 1890, and who is now secretary of the Raymond Furniture Company, with which organization he has been identified since the beginning of his career, in 1911 becoming one of the shareholders and being appointed to his present office of secretary. William P. Ridgely Schlemm married, November 24, 1915, Lillian Magdalen Frank Weeks, born in New York City, and they have a daughter, Anna Josephine, born June 29, 1918.

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### BLAIR, Judge John Albert,

#### Jurist.

A man of rare literary attainments, culture and distinction, Judge Blair has long been eminent at the New Jersey bar, with which he has now been connected for more than half a century, Jersey City being his home, the seat of his private practice and of his judicial service, for to him many of the honors of the profession have fallen. A man learned in the law, he was highly successful, and when raised to judicial position, his natural love of justice, his sound judgment, added to his learning, made him the ideal judge. A lover of books, he is also a lover of his fellow-men, and to natural dignity he adds a geniality of manner and a kindness of spirit that make him a host of friends who love him well. He is of Scotch ancestry, Blairs coming to Pennsylvania and New Jersey as early as 1720, and in New Jersey the iron industry attracted a branch of the family that founded Blairstown and



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an important business. Many men of the family have graced the professions, and others have risen to high positions.

John A. Blair, son of John H. and Mary (Angle) Blair, and grandson of William and Rachel (Brands) Blair, of Knowlton township, Warren county, New Jersey, was born near Blairstown, New Jersey, July 8, 1842. He began his education in the district public schools, and prepared for college at Blairstown Presbyterian Academy. He then entered Princeton College, whence he was graduated with honors, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts, class of 1866. He prepared for the profession of law under the direction of Jehiel G. Shipman, of Belvidere, New Jersey, continuing a student in his office until admitted to the New Jersey bar in the June term, 1869. In 1870 he established an office in Jersey City and began the active practice of law. He was admitted a counsellor at the June term, 1872, and formed a law partnership with Stephen B. Ransom, one of the leading lawyers of Jersey City.

Mr. Blair rose rapidly in public esteem and in professional rank, his ability being publicly recognized in 1877, when, under authority of the law passed that year creating district courts in Jersey City, Governor Bedle appointed Mr. Blair and B. F. Randolph the first judges to fill the offices the law created. For one year Judge Blair sat upon that bench, presiding and deciding with impartiality and justice the cases that came before him, retiring with the respect and esteem of the bar and the public. In May, 1885, he was appointed corporation counsel for Jersey City, an office he held until 1889, when he resigned and returned to public practice. He accepted the same office in 1894 and served until April 1, 1898, when he again resigned to accept the appointment of

judge of the Court of Common Pleas, General Quarter Sessions, and of the Orphans' Court of Hudson County, an appointment made by Governor Griggs just prior to his taking a seat in President McKinley's cabinet. Judge Blair held the office of county judge from 1898 until 1908, his service characterized by dignity, fairness, sound judgment, and judicial ability. He then was appointed judge of the Jersey City District Court until 1913, and then was appointed presiding judge of Common Pleas by Governor Edge, holding that office until April 1, 1923. He is a director in the Union Trust & Hudson County National Bank, and a member of the board of managers of the Provident Savings Institution. His chief recreation was walking.

In politics Judge Blair is a Republican and an ardent advocate of party principles, and is influential in its councils. He is an attendant of the First Presbyterian church, an organizer of the Union League Club, of Jersey City, and for years its president; a member of the county and State bar associations, and interested in all that pertains to the welfare of his city. Always the student, he has delved deep into the sources of knowledge and ranks high among the foremost men of the legal profession. He is an eloquent speaker, in frequent public demand, and in personality is most pleasing.

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**MONAGHAN, Rev. Thomas Francis,  
S. T. L.,**

**Priest.**

Among those who are rendering service of a high order in Hudson county is Rev. Thomas Francis Monaghan, pastor of St. Paul's Catholic Church, in Jersey City. Father Monaghan is unusually well prepared for his work, having completed his

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theological studies in Rome, Italy, and since November, 1915, has been devoting his ability to the advancement of the interests of St. Paul's with characteristic energy and with notable success.

Father Monaghan is a native of Newark, New Jersey, where he was born, October 28, 1873, son of Thomas F. and Catherine (Boylan) Monaghan. After receiving his elementary education in St. James' Parochial School in Newark, he continued his studies for two years in St. Benedict's College, and then became a student in St. Peter's College, in Jersey City, where he remained for two years. The next two years were spent as a student at Seton Hall College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He was now ready to begin his professional preparation for which he went to Rome, Italy, and matriculated in the American College, where he pursued a theological course for four years. At the end of that time he was ordained a priest in the St. John Lateran Basilica, at Rome, June 12, 1897, and after his ordination he at once returned to Jersey City, where he began his duties as curate of St. Patrick's Church, July 9, 1897. He remained in his first sacerdotal field of labor until February 9, 1906, and during those nine busy years he not only gave careful attention to the building up of the resources of the parish, but he also ministered freely to the spiritual and moral life of the church, quickening, inspiring, and when necessary, reproving. After nine years of devoted labor in the interest of St. Patrick's, he was appointed pastor of St. Leo's Church, at Irvington, New Jersey, which charge he held from February 9, 1906, to November 25, 1915, giving freely of his best for the upbuilding of his flock. On November 25, 1915, he returned to Jersey City as pastor of St.

Paul's Church, and during the eight years which have passed since that time, he has achieved splendid results in every department of the church and parish work. Father Monaghan has won in a high degree the esteem not only of his parishioners, but of the community in general, and counts among his friends and associates many who are not of his religious faith.

The history of the organization and development of St. Paul's Church is one of courage and heroism and represents an important chapter in the development of the city in which it is located. Its beginning dates back to 1861, when, in what was then Greenville, New Jersey, there were but four Catholic families. As there were no street cars, it was difficult for these few Catholics to secure the ministrations of the church, and they petitioned Bishop Bayley, first bishop of the Diocese of Newark, to send a priest to one of their homes on Sundays. The Passionist Fathers of St. Michael's Monastery, West Hoboken, New Jersey, were placed in charge and in the fall of 1861 one of them came and said Mass in a private house. In the same year the parish was incorporated under the name of St. Paul's Catholic Church, Greenville, New Jersey, with Bishop Bayley as president, and Father Vincent, C. P., as pastor. In February, 1862, the little organization bought two lots on the old Bergen road for \$375 and built a modest frame building at a cost of \$1,382. The Passionist Fathers had charge of the parish from 1861 to the middle of 1865, when Father Niederhauser, a secular priest, in charge of St. Mary's Church, at Bergen Point, took charge, remaining until 1869, and adding two wings to the little church. Father Feklins, Father Kempen, Rev. S. B. Smith, D.D., gave faithful service, and in 1872 Father Joseph Mendl was appointed



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pastor. He purchased two more lots, made many improvements, and enlarged the church by building an extension to the front at a cost of \$2,800. He was indefatigable in his labors for the financial and spiritual interests of the parish, and at the close of his administration, in November, 1878, the parish was on a solid foundation. On April 14, 1882, Rev. J. Joseph Schandel, then professor in Seton Hall Seminary, South Orange, New Jersey, became pastor of St. Paul's Parish. The debt of \$7,750 then remaining on the church property, was paid off in October, 1885, and Father Schandel foreseeing that a larger building would soon be needed, began to make provisions for the future by creating a building fund. At a meeting of the board of trustees held January 6, 1886, "it was resolved that a new church be built, that by subscriptions and collections \$15,000 be raised, trusting that whilst the work of construction was going on another \$15,000 would be contributed and that the balance which was computed would be \$20,000, be loaned on Bond and Mortgage." It was proposed to build a \$50,000 church. The building fund grew rapidly. At a meeting of the trustees, held on January 7, 1887, "It was resolved to take immediate steps for beginning to build with the approaching Spring." The cornerstone was laid by Bishop Wigger, on Sunday, May 29, 1887. An iron box placed in the stone contained current newspapers, coins, a document giving a history of the church, a list of the subscribers to the new church, a scroll with the following inscription: "For the glory of God and the Honor of his Blessed Mother, on the 29th day of May, 1887, when his holiness Pope Leo XIII was gloriously reigning, when his Grace, the Most Rev. M. A. Corrigan, was Metropolitan of the Province of New York,

Grover Cleveland, President of the United States of America, His Lordship W. M. Wigger, Bishop of this Diocese of Newark, laid the cornerstone of this new Church of St. Paul the Apostle amid much rejoicing of a throng of people of various religious denominations. Signed Rev. John Joseph Schandel, Rector of the Church of St. Paul the Apostle." It was expected to have the church completed and ready for dedication by Christmas Day, but it was not until Sunday, July 15th, of the following year, that this auspicious event took place. On this day Bishop Wigger solemnly dedicated the church. Solemn High Mass was celebrated by Father Sheehan of St. Patrick's Church, Jersey City, assisted by Father Ter Woert as deacon, and Father McEntee as subdeacon, Monsignor De Concillo, of St. Michael's Church, Jersey City, and Vicar General Salt, were deacons of honor to the bishop. The sermon was delivered by Father Smith, Paulist, of New York. The church is built of brick in the Gothic style, 142 feet long and 62 feet wide. The cross on the steeple is 219 feet from the ground. The ceiling in the center is 64 feet high, in the sides, 32 feet. The total cost of the building was a trifle more than \$60,000 and cost of the furniture was \$26,800. In 1890 Father Schandel erected a new school building.

The building of the church, school, and addition to the rectory within the space of a few years had caused the debt on the parish to swell to large proportions and when his successor, Rev. John J. Tighe, arrived on May 1, 1895, and straightened matters out, he found that the debt amounted to \$95,000. Rev. John J. Tighe was the right man for the place. Immensely popular as he deservedly was, he won the confidence and love of his people who rallied to his side, and by their



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generous contributions cheered him on and helped him to put the parish on a sound financial basis. Father Tighe, young, eloquent, energetic, seemed to be destined to guide the parish through its financial straits to a successful end, but he broke down under the strain, and after two years and three months he died, on August 8, 1897, mourned by his loving and faithful people. At the close of Father Tighe's administration the debt amounted to \$87,000.

Rev. J. W. McDowell, D. C. L., succeeded Father Tighe, and continued the good work begun by Father Tighe. Being chaplain of the 4th New Jersey Volunteer Infantry for the Spanish-American War, Dr. McDowell was compelled to be absent a considerable part of the time, but during his absence the interests of the parish were ably looked after by Father Reilly, assisted by Father J. Ferguson. In June, 1900, Rev. Edward F. Schulte was appointed assistant to succeed Father Reilly, who was promoted to a larger field of labor. About this time Dr. McDowell's health weakened and he was advised by the doctors to leave Greenville. He was succeeded by Rev. Alphonse M. H. Schaeken. The people rallied around the new pastor and showed him such good will and constant generosity that at the end of 1900 the debt had decreased by \$3,000, and on February 23, 1911, the entire debt was wiped out and all the improvements and repairs made during those years were paid for. During the fair in the fall of 1911 the extinction of the debt was celebrated by the solemn burning of the mortgage. At the end of 1911 the parish not only had no debt, but had \$10,493 to its credit in the bank.

The parish school too, has been greatly developed. The first teachers who officiated in the little frame building were

lay teachers. When Father Mendl vacated the rectory in order to afford accommodation for the rapidly increasing number of pupils, he engaged the Dominican Sisters to teach. As the schools grew and more Sisters were required to teach, funds were raised for the construction of a convent, which was begun in 1876, on Linden avenue, and was dedicated February 25, 1877. At a meeting of the trustees held on March 6, 1890, "It was resolved to build a new school-house which had become an imperative necessity," and the cornerstone was laid June 22, 1890. The new school, which cost \$40,000, is a commodious building, 90x40 feet, containing eleven class-rooms on the first and second floors, the basement with cemented floor furnishing playground for the children in bad weather. The top floor is a hall with fixed stage and appurtenances for entertainments and fairs. The inside walls are of glazed brick, the partitions and ceiling of metal. In 1901 a commercial course, consisting of stenography, typewriting, bookkeeping, and higher mathematics was added to the curriculum of the school. Many of the graduates of the school hold lucrative and responsible positions in the business world. The first rectory was built in 1870, a two-story frame building, which contained four rooms and a basement and cost \$2,400. In 1893 Father Schandel built an addition to provide accommodation for an assistant priest. In 1912 the present rectory was built and was completed in December, at a cost of \$22,052.

Father Schandel died October 22, 1915, and was succeeded on November 25, 1915, by Father Monaghan, who is the present pastor of St. Paul's Church. The assistant priests at St. Paul's at the present time are: Rev. C. A. Pfister, Rev. T. J. Coughlin, and Rev. Walter Guterl.





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### BIRNBAUM, Philip Stanley,

#### Lawyer.

Active in the practice of the law in Jersey City for the past four years, Mr. Birnbaum has attained a position in his chosen field of endeavor and is looked upon as one of the coming men of Hudson county. Well known in fraternal circles and a veteran of the World War, he is a leading figure among the young leaders of Jewish advance. He is a son of Emanuel Birnbaum who was born in Austria and came to the United States at the age of twenty years with his young wife and their eldest child. They located in Jersey City and he has since been active in the jewelry business on Maiden Lane, New York. The mother, Cecelia (Band) Birnbaum, is also a native of Austria and they are the parents of four children: Harry, a clerk; Pauline, widow of Charles Glanzer; Philip Stanley, of further mention; and Mildred, who is at home.

Philip Stanley Birnbaum was born at Union, Hudson county, New Jersey, August 24, 1894. After his graduation from the West Hoboken grammar school in 1908, came his high school course in the same locality, from which he was graduated in 1912. Then he spent five years in preparation for his profession at the New York University College of Law. His career was deferred for a time on account of his enlistment in July, 1918, in the United States Army. He was stationed at Camp Humphreys, Virginia, where he served with the engineering corps, first as private, then corporal, then sergeant, and was mustered out of service in January, 1919, with the rank of sergeant-major. In November of the same year Mr. Birnbaum was admitted to the New Jersey bar and at once began practice in the office of James E. Pyle, this affiliation contin-

uing until September, 1921, since which time Mr. Birnbaum has continued alone. With spacious offices in the Lerner building, at No. 999 Bergen avenue, Jersey City, he is handling a large and constantly extending practice and is counted among the successful professional men of the day in the younger group. Mr. Birnbaum has always been deeply interested in athletic sports, in which he excelled in school and which he still follows.

Fraternally he is widely affiliated. Besides his membership in the New Jersey Bar Association, and the Hudson County Bar Association, he is identified with the Free and Accepted Masons, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Knights of Pythias, also with Colonial Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of which he is a past patron. His college fraternity is the Pi Lambda Phi, and he is a member of the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith, of which last-named order he was elected vice-president on January 1, 1923. He attends the Temple Beth-El.

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### DRAYTON, Samuel,

#### Financier.

A broadly prominent figure in the world of finance in Hudson county, New Jersey, is Samuel Drayton, who for many years was president of the old Hudson County National Bank, and since its consolidation with the Union Trust Company, now known as the Union Trust and Hudson County National Bank, serves as vice-president of this great concern. Mr. Drayton's long experience in his chosen field of endeavor and his keen insight into affairs and conditions, as well as his thorough understanding of men, have carried him to a large success and given his name very wide influence in financial and commercial circles in the East. His various other

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affiliations link his name with many branches of organized advance, and he is considered one of the outstanding figures in the business world of Hudson county.

Henry W. Drayton, Mr. Drayton's father, was born in Somersetshire, England, March 1, 1814, and came to the United States as an infant with his parents, the family settling immediately and permanently in Jersey City, New Jersey. Henry W. Drayton became a widely prominent baker, with interests centering at No. 54 Montgomery street, Jersey City. He died in this city in the year 1901, at the great age of eighty-seven years. His usefulness and high character is still remembered among those who can recall the period of his activity. The mother, Mary Elizabeth (Morison) Drayton, was born in New York City, and died in Somerset county, New Jersey, at the age of eighty-one years. They were the parents of six children: Morison; Harry; Ida; Samuel, whose name entitles this review; Mary, deceased; and Susan. Of this family, Harry is a resident of Jersey City, and all who are still living reside in this State and near Jersey City.

Samuel Drayton was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, June 9, 1863. His education was begun in the local public schools and he later attended the Jersey City High School. He entered the business world at the age of seventeen years, becoming a shipping clerk in the employ of Vanderbeck & Sons, a prominent lumber concern of that period. Active for one year in this connection, Mr. Drayton then became identified with the Hudson County National Bank, which was then located in the old postoffice building. Entering the organization as a messenger in 1880, he went through the regular banking routine, filling one position after another, each of larger responsibility, until he was

elected president of the institution. This largely responsible office Mr. Drayton filled ably and efficiently until the recent consolidation of this institution with the Union Trust Company, which took place on February 23, 1923. He has since been vice-president of the new concern, and his long experience has been a definite force for the progress and growth of the present organization. Holding an eminent position in the world of finance, as he does, Mr. Drayton's influence is greatly valued in any progressive field of endeavor. He is secretary of the Washington Building and Loan Association, also of the Duncan Building and Loan Association, having been identified with the former for thirty-three years and the latter for nineteen years. Mr. Drayton was formerly a member of Company A, Fourth Regiment, New Jersey National Guard, and for one year held the rank of captain. Mr. Drayton is treasurer of the New Jersey Society of the War of 1812 and serves as assistant treasurer-general of the parent organization of the United States, which offices he has held for five years. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Royal Arcanum. He is a leading member of the Carteret Club, and his leisure interests are those of the outdoor world, including hunting, fishing and boating. His religious affiliation is with the Bergen Reformed Church, of which he has been an elder for the past twenty years.

Samuel Drayton married, on December 2, 1890, at the "Brick Church" of Orange, New Jersey, Mary Louise Ayers, who was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, and is a daughter of the late Simeon Mundy and Louise (Hanford) Ayers, the mother now residing with her daughter, Mrs. Drayton. Mr. and Mrs. Drayton have three children: Helen Louise, wife of Harry P.



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Barrand, vice-president of the National Bank of Commerce, of New York City; Samuel, Jr., who is associated with M. C. Johnson & Company; and Barlow Day, who is with the M. W. Kellogg Company, of Jersey City.

### AMES, Dr. Elmer Hempstead,

#### Physician.

Eighteen years ago Dr. Elmer Hempstead Ames completed his internship in the Jersey City Hospital. He had already received the degree of Doctor of Medicine, and at once opened an office and prepared to receive, or to respond to, the call of his first patients. Since that time he has built up the large clientele of his early aspirations, has specialized as an anesthetist, and has rendered professional service in public capacity, all in Jersey City, but he resides in Asbury Park, New Jersey.

Dr. Ames was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, January 23, 1876, and is a son of William Henry, a veteran of the Civil War, who served at New Orleans and who also served as an aide-de-camp to General Doolittle, being discharged at the end of the war with the rank of first lieutenant, and of Virginia Lavinia (Elmer) Ames. The latter is now the wife of Dr. Oliver Blanchard, of Jersey City. After completing the course of study in Grammar School No. 12, of Jersey City, Dr. Ames prepared for college in Hasbrouck Institute, of that city, from which he was graduated in 1898. He then began his professional studies in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University, from which he was graduated in 1903 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. For a period of eighteen months, from the beginning of 1903 to the fall of 1905, he served an extended internship in

the Jersey City Hospital and at the end of that time engaged in general practice in Jersey City. He at first devoted his energies to the demands of his increasing general practice, but after a time paid more and more attention to the subject of anaesthesia. Finally he accepted a position as professional anesthetist in the Fairmount Surgical Sanatorium, at No. 336 Fairmount avenue, Jersey City, and the duties of that position he has continuously discharged for the past ten years. In addition to the professional activities and responsibilities already mentioned, Dr. Ames is chief medical inspector for the Equitable Life Insurance Company of Jersey City, and is also medical inspector for three public schools of Jersey City. He keeps in touch with the most advanced medical achievements throughout the country, through his connection with the American Medical Association, and is well informed concerning his professional associates in Hudson county, through his connection with the Hudson County Medical Association.

Fraternally Dr. Ames is affiliated with Jersey City Lodge, No. 74, Free and Accepted Masons; and with Asbury Park Lodge, No. 128, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Asbury Park. His religious interest is with the Episcopal church. Though the greater part of Dr. Ames' life has been passed in Jersey City and he has hosts of friends there, and though his professional responsibilities are still there, he is not a resident of that city. He is a resident of Asbury Park, New Jersey. In the latter place too, he has many friends, and he finds there rest and recreation, which helps to keep him "fit" for the duties of his profession.

Dr. Elmer H. Ames married, on April 22, 1908, at Newark, New Jersey, Florence Hazel Dobbins, of Newark, New Jersey,



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daughter of William and Florence (Hores) Dobbins. Dr. and Mrs. Ames are the parents of three children: Florence Virginia, who was born April 19, 1909; Marjorie Levina, born June 10, 1913; and Dorothy Elmer, born June 5, 1917.

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### SMITH, George Theodore,

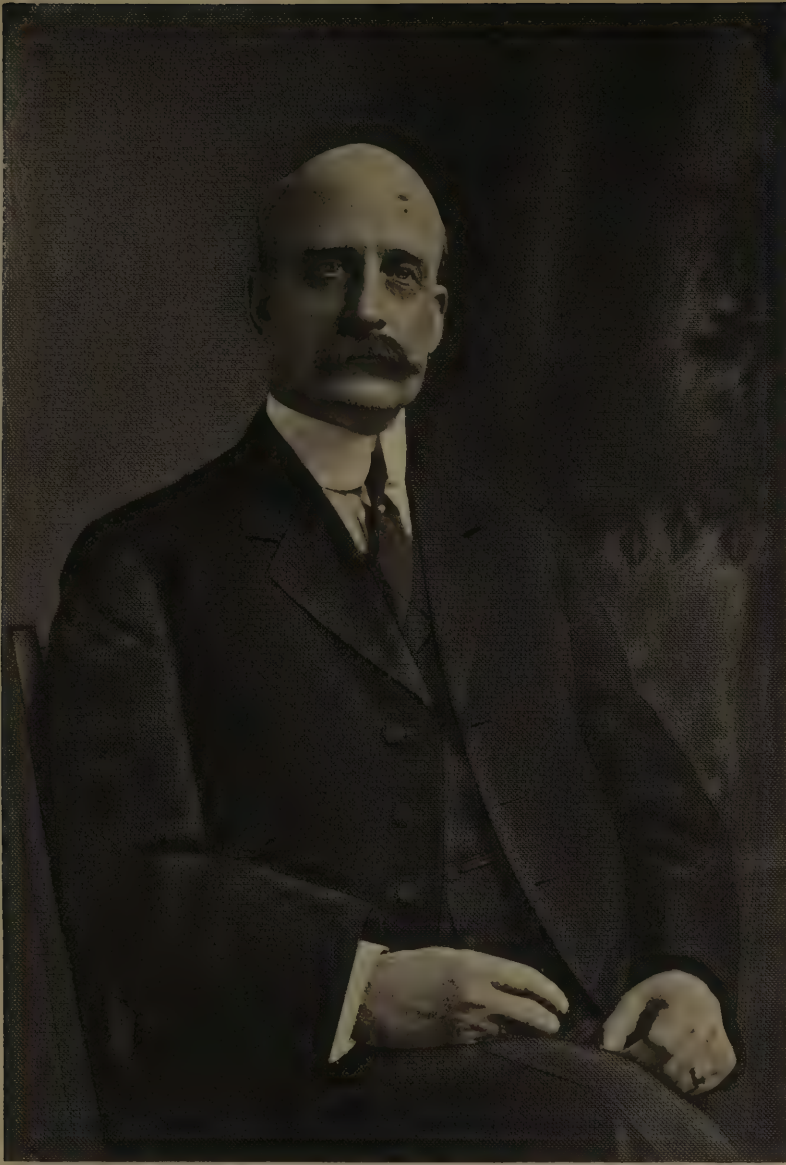
**Financier, Manufacturer.**

Every community owes much to its successful financiers and business men who build up organizations which give employment to many. The contribution of the business man to the economic prosperity of the community is more or less generally recognized, but behind the business man stands the financier whose service is less clearly understood and therefore less clearly recognized by the average citizen. Among the foremost of the State of New Jersey in both lines of service is George Theodore Smith, who as president of the New Jersey Title Guarantee and Trust Company of Jersey City is at the head of a financial concern which ranks first of its class in the State, and who also, as president of the Joseph Dixon Crucible Company, of Jersey City, ranks among the foremost in the manufacturing interests of the State.

Born in New York City, April 29, 1855, George Theodore Smith is the son of Charles Tappan and Martha Elizabeth Smith, of Portland, Maine. After receiving a practical education in the public schools of New York City he completed his preparation for an active career by becoming a student in the College of the City of New York. Mr. Smith found his first employment with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, with whom he became associated when he was but seventeen years of age. His connection with that concern was maintained until 1909, a pe-

riod of thirty-seven years, during which time he rose to the responsible position of general agent in New York City. During this time, for a period of more than a quarter of a century, Edward F. C. Young, who was Mr. Smith's father-in-law, was a leading factor in the financial, political, civic and social life of New Jersey. He was president of the First National Bank of Jersey City, and was of such dominant influence that it was a common saying in the county that "all lines lead to the First National Bank." Mr. Young had been city comptroller, and a delegate to several national conventions, and in 1892 became a candidate at the Democratic State Convention for the nomination for governor. Assured at the start of the nomination, he found himself, when convention day arrived, confronting an unanticipated opposition; his friends, however, pressed his name upon the delegates, and in the balloting he had a vote just short of the majority that he needed to win. The convention, one of the most tumultuous ever assembled in Trenton, gave the nomination to Ex-Senator George T. Werts, of Morris county. Governor Werts and Mr. Young became fast friends after the nomination, and Mr. Young contributed largely to the success of the former at the polls. Upon the death of Mr. Young, the board of directors of the First National Bank of Jersey City invited his son-in-law, George Theodore Smith, to succeed him as president of their institution. The offer was accepted, and resigning from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, Mr. Smith served as the faithful and efficient executive head of that financial concern.

In October, 1916, after the passage of the Clayton Act, Mr. Smith resigned to devote himself in banking matters to the presidency of The New Jersey Title



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Guarantee and Trust Company, which he served in that capacity from that time until the present (1923). His position as head of the foremost financial institution of its kind in the State of New Jersey enables Mr. Smith to exert a far-reaching influence in the financial affairs of the State and to render a most valuable service. In addition to his activities and responsibilities as president of the New Jersey Title Guarantee and Trust Company, Mr. Smith is also at the head of one of the largest manufacturing concerns of the State of New Jersey. As president of the Joseph Dixon Crucible Company of Jersey City, Mr. Smith also occupies a most influential position in the manufacturing activities of the State. The Joseph Dixon Crucible Company has for more than half a century commanded the markets of the world, and its name stamped upon its products is guarantee of superior quality and workmanship.

While Mr. Smith has devoted the greater portion of his time and energy to his railroad, financial and manufacturing interests, he has also found time for public service. He was appointed by Governor Werts in 1895 to a seat on the bench of the Court of Errors and Appeals, and later became a Democratic candidate for the office of mayor of Jersey City, in the campaign in which Mark M. Fagan made his first canvass for that office on the Republican ticket. At that time the excitement in Jersey City over the relations of the corporations to the local taxing authorities was running high, and Mr. Smith's connection with Mr. Young, who was then a director in very many of the largest corporations of the State, lost for him many votes that otherwise would have been his, and he was defeated. In addition to the responsibilities and activities already

enumerated, Mr. Smith is a member of the New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce; vice-president of the Colonial Life Insurance Company of America; and a member of the board of directors in many other financial organizations and corporations. He is a member also of many clubs, including the Carteret Club of Jersey City; the Essex County Country Club of West Orange; Knickerbocker Country Club of Tenaflly; Sleepy Hollow Country Club of Scarborough-on-Hudson, New York; the Bankers', Lawyers', Traffic and Automobile Clubs of America, all of New York City; Chevy Chase Club of Washington, District of Columbia; and the Church Club of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark.

Mr. Smith has been quite as conspicuous in the church life of the State as in civic, banking, financial and manufacturing affairs. He is a warden of St. John's Episcopal Church, and his support and contributions to it and other church and philanthropic institutions are but a part of the broad plan of his life work. He has a host of friends, both among his business associates and among those with whom he is connected in his other fields of activity. He is most highly esteemed both as a most efficient business man and as a personal friend whose many sterling qualities of character win for him both the respect and affection of his associates.

George Theodore Smith married, on April 25, 1882, at Jersey City, Hattie Louise Young, only daughter of Edward F. C. (q. v.) and Harriet M. (Strober) Young. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have one child, Natalie Young Smith, who married L. Fred Bruce, of Norfolk, Virginia, in January, 1921. Mr. Bruce is in the cotton warehouse business.

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### EVARTS, Daniel Edgar,

#### Bank Official.

Among the well known business men of Jersey City, New Jersey, is Daniel Edgar Evarts, vice-president of the New Jersey Title Guarantee and Trust Company, who is also officially connected with several other financial and manufacturing organizations. Mr. Evarts is active in church and civic work, and is rendering valuable service to the community.

Charles Edgar Evarts, father of Mr. Evarts, was born in Athens, New York, and died in his native town at the age of fifty-eight years. During the period of his active business life he was a resident of Jersey City, New Jersey. He was in the employ of the Pennsylvania railroad, but he was also interested in the New York Harbor Towboat Company, and owned a fleet of tugs which were operated under the name of the C. E. Evarts Company. He married Catherine Van Loan, now deceased, who was a native of Greene county, New York, and a descendant of the earliest inhabitants of that section of the State.

Daniel Edgar Evarts was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, February 26, 1868, and after graduating from Public School No. 3, and from the high school in Jersey City, became a student in Hasbrouck Institute, from which he was graduated. Upon the completion of his academic training he began his long association with the banking business by securing a position with the First National Bank of New York City. After gaining considerable experience he severed his connection with that concern in order to accept a position as bookkeeper in the employ of the New Jersey Title Guarantee and Trust Company, and his association with the latter organization has been maintained

to the present time (1923). His energy, ability, and faithfulness soon won recognition in the form of promotion, first to the position of teller, then secretary, then treasurer, and finally he was elected vice-president of the company, which official position he now holds (1923). In addition to his responsibilities as vice-president of the New Jersey Title and Guarantee Trust Company, Mr. Evarts is also a member of the board of directors of the Eastman Kodak Company, of the Standard Milling Company, of New York City, of the Motor Finance Corporation of Newark, of the National Paper and Type Company of New York City, of the Davis Bournonville Company, of the Royal Cocoa Company, and of the American Rubber Products Corporation. He finds healthful recreation and enjoyable social intercourse on the golf links and is also fond of fishing and motoring. He is a member of the Carteret Club, and of the Essex County Country Club of West Orange. His religious affiliation is with the First Presbyterian Church, of which he serves as treasurer of the endowment fund, and also as one of its trustees. He is also affiliated in official capacity with several philanthropic organizations. He is treasurer of the Children's Friend Society of Jersey City, and a member of the council of Christ Hospital, which he serves as chairman of the finance committee.

Daniel Edgar Evarts married, in New York City, June 15, 1896, Cora Elizabeth Noble, who was born in New York City, daughter of William (now deceased) and Elizabeth (Weeks) Noble, and they are the parents of one son, Daniel Edgar, Jr., who was born March 6, 1901, and who, on June 26, 1923, graduated from Williams College of Williamstown, Massachusetts, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

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### **FREUND, Walter Joseph,**

**Lawyer, World War Veteran.**

Among the younger professional men who have come into prominence since the World War in Hudson county, New Jersey, is Walter Joseph Freund, who has recently become a member of the firm of Stout & Freund, and is taking a noteworthy place at the bar in New Jersey. Mr. Freund comes of German antecedents, his grandfather having been born in the Rhine country, and he is a son of Joseph Freund, who was born in Jersey City and is still living. The mother, Hannah F. (Feick) Freund, is also of German descent, her father having been born in Germany. To Joseph and Hannah F. (Feick) Freund four children were born: Walter Joseph, of further mention; Caroline; Joseph; and Marguerite.

Walter Joseph Freund was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, April 18, 1896. His early education was received in the public schools of his native city, and he prepared for his profession at the New York Law School, then was admitted to the New Jersey bar in June, 1920. His entrance upon his career was delayed by his service in the recent war. He enlisted in the Officers' Reserve Training Corps and was assigned to a Field Artillery unit at Atlanta, Georgia. With the rank of second lieutenant, he was assigned to the 321st Field Artillery, and upon going to France he was transferred to the French School of Artillery at Saumur. After an advanced course there, Lieutenant Freund was re-assigned to the 346th Motorized Field Artillery, with which he remained during the balance of his service overseas. He was returned to the United States in January, 1918, having been two years in France, and on April 1st of the same year

received his honorable discharge. He was subsequently appointed second lieutenant of Field Artillery in the United States Reserve Corps, which rank he still holds. Upon his return to civilian life, Mr. Freund took up the activities of his profession, and upon his admittance to the bar became associated with L. Edward Herrmann, who was former secretary to Governor Fielder of New Jersey, and special counsel to the Public Utility Commission of the State. On November 1, 1922, Mr. Freund formed his present association with Edward P. Stout, and these young men are now going forward successfully in the practice of the law. They are looked upon as promising figures in the profession, and Mr. Freund is taking a leading place among the younger men in the profession. Fraternally Mr. Freund holds the thirty-second degree in the Masonic order, being a member of Bergen Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and of all the Scottish Rite bodies, also of the Masonic Club of Jersey City. He is a member of the Delta Theta Phi law fraternity, and is affiliated with the First Congregational Church of Jersey City.

Mr. Freund married, November 28, 1922, in Jersey City, Helen Oppenheimer, who was born in Newark.

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### **STODDARD, Rev. Edward Lothrop,**

**Ph.D., D.D.,**

**Clergyman.**

Ecclesiastical circles in Jersey City, New Jersey, have for many years honored the name of Rev. Edward Lothrop Stoddard, whose usefulness in the church was not confined to local affairs, but who will long be remembered as the father of the graded Sunday school movement in America. Since his retirement from the ministry in 1912, Dr. Stoddard has been as



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deeply interested as ever in religious advance, and still cordially seconds the efforts of his successors in the work of the Institutional Church of Jersey City, of which he was the founder and for many years pastor.

The Stoddard family has been distinguished for many generations as professors, soldiers, authors, and clergymen, and traces back by tradition to the time of William the Conqueror. The first of the name is said to have come to England with him as a standard bearer to Viscount De Pulesdon, a Norman nobleman, and his name being accidentally written "De La Standard," it was later corrupted to Stodard or Stodart. William Stoddard, Knight, also fought under William the Conqueror. Anthony Stoddard, the immigrant ancestor of this family in America, came to the New World from England, and old records mention him as a merchant in Boston in the year 1639. He was a man of broad public spirit, devoted to the welfare of the settlement, and served as recorder of Boston for nineteen years. He died March 16, 1687.

Lewis Toppan Stoddard, Dr. Stoddard's father, was born in Northampton, Massachusetts, in 1807, and died in 1865, at the age of fifty-eight years. He was a man of brilliant mental endowment, an able business man and a progressive citizen. Entering the world of finance at an early age, he spent his entire active career as a banker, and was a force for permanent good in the economic affairs of his time. He married Sarah Hill Lothrop, who was born in 1819 and was also a descendant of early and distinguished Colonial antecedents. Of their four children only two are now living: Edward L., whose name entitles this review; and John Lothrop, the world famous traveler and lecturer. The mother died in Brookline, Massachusetts, in 1863.

Edward Lothrop Stoddard was born at Cambridge, Massachusetts, July 11, 1845. His parents removed to Brookline when he was three years of age and he received his early education there, graduating from the Brookline High School in the class of 1861. He later spent three years at the Norwich Military University, at Northfield, Vermont, then entered the banking business in Boston in association with his father. Two years later Dr. Stoddard availed himself of an opportunity to go abroad as a correspondent for the Boston "Traveller" and the "Saturday Evening Gazette," and while in Europe in that capacity, took a scientific course at the Royal College of London for a time, then spent two years at the Leipsic University, in Germany. During all this time he acted as correspondent for the Boston daily newspapers and was in close touch with affairs in his native country. Upon his return to Boston Dr. Stoddard became a student for two years at the Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, after which he attended the Episcopal Seminary there for one year, graduating in 1871. Ordained to the Episcopal ministry in that year, Dr. Stoddard served as assistant at Christ Church, Brooklyn, New York, for three years, then accepted a call to St. John's Church, York, Pennsylvania, which he served as rector for two years. On March 1, 1877, Dr. Stoddard came to Jersey City as rector of St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church, and there built up what has since been known as the Institutional Church, the work of which has been of such inestimable significance to the people. At the beginning there were 175 communicants in the congregation, but year by year the organization grew and prospered, until when he retired in 1892 he left a membership of 1,800 and the value of the church property was many times multiplied. The church edifice was





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enlarged one-third, and in 1906 was consecrated entirely free from debt. Three parish buildings had also been erected under Dr. Stoddard's efforts, and the church now holds a unique place in the welfare endeavors of the city. Dr. Stoddard originated the graded Sunday school here, and at the time of his retirement this school numbered 1,100 pupils. He was also the originator of the Cosmos Club of Jersey City, now one of the foremost organizations of its kind in the metropolitan district, and was at one time its president. One of the interests which Dr. Stoddard has always kept up is the French language, which for many years he taught. He is also fond of the game of chess, and was president of the Chess Club of Jersey City. Dr. Stoddard was much interested in the prosecution of the war from its beginning in 1914, earnestly championed the cause of the allies, and strongly advocated the entrance of the United States into the conflict. He wrote and lectured widely on subjects related thereto and exercised great influence in sustaining American morale and support of troops in the field.

Edward Lothrop Stoddard married (first), in Boston, in 1872, Maria C. Washburn, daughter of the poet, H. S. Washburn, and their son, Solomon, now resides in Kansas City. Dr. Stoddard married (second), in Jersey City, in 1887, Clara H. Bumsted, daughter of William H. Bumsted.

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### HURWITZ, Max Z.,

#### Business Man.

As proprietor of the leading dry goods store of Hoboken, New Jersey, Max Z. Hurwitz is contributing a valuable share to the economic prosperity of the community in which he resides. He is also

enjoying a success which is well earned and richly deserved, for his success is the result of hard work, unfailing courage, and steady faith.

Born in Wilkomir, Kovna, Lithuania, September 14, 1884, Mr. Hurwitz is the youngest of the six children of Benjamin and Ethel Hurwitz. Benjamin Hurwitz, a man of moderate circumstances, was highly respected, and held strong position in his home community as a scholar and a thinker. The mother was one of the fine type of old fashioned motherhood, who devoted her energies to the care of her home, husband and children, and found in their success and usefulness the highest joy. Blessed with such a parentage Max Z. Hurwitz, after receiving the equivalent of a high school education, left the homeland well prepared to make his own way in the New World. Habits of patient and persistent labor, a courageous spirit, and firm faith in the future, were early made a part of his equipment for the battles of life, and to these he added a passionate desire for knowledge and a love for good reading, which have remained with him to the present time. In 1901 he arrived in Hartford, Connecticut, where he found employment as errand boy in a small dry goods store. The hours were long and the work was hard, and though it was a great disappointment to him that he was not allowed time to attend the evening school, he remained for nearly a year, and managed to do some reading at odd times. He received a weekly wage of one dollar and his board at the beginning of his term of employment in Hartford, and five dollars a week and board during the latter part of the year, yet he managed to save \$125 during the year, and with this modest capital he went to Hoboken, New Jersey, and began business for himself in a small way.

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He was then seventeen years of age, and though so young, he understood clearly the value of thrift and persistent industry. Gradually, but steadily, the business grew, and to-day Max Z. Hurwitz is proprietor of the largest department store in the city, and the owner of some of the most valuable business properties in Hoboken. At the present time, 1923, Mr. Hurwitz has a branch store at the corner of Morgan street and Bergenline avenue, Union Hill, which he opened in 1921. The business done there the first year was so large that already he has doubled the floor space of that store. Success for him has been gradual but ever increasing. He has built his prosperity steadily and carefully from small beginnings, and along with his business activities has found time for active interest in the civic welfare of the city of Hoboken. He has been a member of the Board of Trade since its organization twenty years ago. In 1916 he was elected president of the Hoboken Merchants' Association, and during his term he fought for and secured better store hours, Sunday closing, higher standards for retail trade, including honest advertising, one price, and the elimination of rebates, and other trade abuses. Later he served as president of the Retail Bureau; was a member of the executive committee of the Civic Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce for several years, during which period he launched among other enterprises, an energetic Americanization campaign.

Upon the entrance of the United States into the World War, he at once offered his services and was chosen as Hoboken representative of the United States Merchant Food Conservation Commission, in which capacity he managed a food conservation exhibit on so large a scale that it received special commendation from Washington, District of Columbia. He was

also active in the various Liberty Loan, Red Cross, and other war drives, serving as chairman of the publicity committee. During the winter of 1918-1919 he prepared himself for enlarged usefulness by taking an evening course in economics at Columbia College, and is now serving as treasurer of the Boy Scouts Council; is an active member of the Hoboken Chamber of Commerce; president of the Hebrew School of Hoboken; member of the Kiwanis Club; member of Hoboken Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; past master or president of Elysian Council, No. 56, Loyal Association; and member of a number of charitable organizations throughout the country. Thus the sixteen-year-old lad from Lithuania has built for himself a substantial prosperity, which he is using not for self-gratification, but as a basis for civic service, and is contributing a notably worthy share to the prosperity and happiness of the community in which he lives and in which his business is located.

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### WORTENDYKE, Jacob R.,

#### Bank Official.

One of the prominent and well known business men of the section of Jersey City is Jacob R. Wortendyke, assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Jersey City, who has spent practically his entire life in that community and has given his entire time to the interests of the institution which he now serves. He is an able and progressive business man in civic affairs as well as in business affairs and has consistently stood for progress. Mr. Wortendyke comes from one of the very old Dutch families of Manhattan, tracing his ancestry to Cornelius Jacobse, alias Stille (the Silent), the line of descent being traced as follows:

(I) Cornelius Jacobse came to this



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country from Amsterdam, Holland, with his brother, John, landing in New Amsterdam in 1639. Soon after their arrival the brother assumed the name Somerendyke. Cornelius J., soon after his arrival, bought a plantation in Bushwick, Long Island, on which he lived for some time. Later he removed to what is now the Williamsburg district of Brooklyn, where he took the oath of allegiance, 1664, to the British King. Still later he removed to his one-hundred-acre-farm, which he had purchased in what is now the Greenwich district of New York. He married (first), August 24, 1692, Classie Tennis; (second), July 28, 1695, Tryntie Wallings Van-Winkle, of Amsterdam, Holland. He died in New York in 1679, the father of nine children, the oldest of whom was Jacob Corneliesen, of further mention.

(II) Jacob Corneliesen, son of Cornelius Jacobse, was born in 1664. He married, March 1, 1671, Aeltje Fredericks, a native of Brazil, and they were the parents of four children: Jacob; Nicholas; Frederick J., of further mention; and Cornelius.

(III) Frederick Jacobsen, son of Jacob and Aeltje (Fredericks) Corneliesen, known as Frederick Jacobsen Somerendyke, located on the upper west side of Manhattan Island. He and his descendants later adopted the surname Wortendyke, while the descendants of his brother retained that of Somerendyke. The old Somerendyke mansion, built of stone, stands on the Bloomingdale road, near what is now West Seventy-fifth street. About 1772, Frederick J. Wortendyke removed to Bergen county, New Jersey, where he purchased several tracts of land, the principal one containing nearly 500 acres in the section now known as Park Ridge, but formerly called Pascack. On this tract, located on both sides of the Pascack brook, he built his residence and

two or more mills, he being the founder of Pascack settlement. He left a large estate, which was the subject of litigation for a generation. He married, June 10, 1707, Divertie Rynearson Quackenbush, granddaughter of Peter Quackenbush, of Oostergeest, Holland, and they were the parents of Aeltje; Rynier F., of further mention; Elizabeth; Frederick F.; and Classie.

(IV) Rynier F. Wortendyke, son of Frederick Jacobsen and Divertie (Rynearson Quackenbush) Wortendyke, was baptized in New York City, March 14, 1714. With his brother, Frederick F., he obtained part of the homestead farm at Pascack and there he spent his days farming and running a mill. He married (first), December 10, 1746, Jannetje Peters Durie; (second), March 2, 1752, Jannetje Smith. His children were: Frederick; Peter; Jannetje; Cornelius, died young; Divertie; Cornelius; Rynier; John; Jacob R., of further mention; Mary; Albert; and Aeltje.

(V) Jacob R. Wortendyke, son of Rynier F. and of Jannetje (Smith) Wortendyke, was born May 5, 1764, and died December 14, 1858. He was a farmer in Pascack. He married, December 7, 1792, Elizabeth Campbell, who was born October 26, 1773, and died March 20, 1862. Their children were: Lutische; Rynier J., of further mention; and Elizabeth.

(VI) Rynier J. Wortendyke, son of Jacob R. and Elizabeth (Campbell) Wortendyke, was born August 16, 1793, and died December 3, 1884. He resided in Pascack, New Jersey. He married, January 10, 1818, Cornelia Haring, who died October 12, 1890, and was the mother of four children: Jacob R., of further mention; Peter R.; Garrett; and Elizabeth.

(VII) Jacob R. Wortendyke, son of Rynier J. and Cornelia (Haring) Worten-



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dyke, was born in Pascack, New Jersey, November 27, 1818, and died in Jersey City, November 2, 1868. He received his early education in the public schools of his native district and then entered Rutgers College, at New Brunswick, New Jersey, from which he was graduated in 1839. He then read law with Chancellor A. O. Zabriskie, with whom he later entered into partnership. He held numerous official positions in Hudson county, and was one of the organizers of the Jersey City Water Board, and was a member of the Riparian Commission. In 1857 he was elected to Congress from the Hudson county district, where he served two terms and in 1868 he was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention. He married, June 2, 1853, Susan J. Doremus, who was born August 9, 1826. Their children born in Jersey City, were: Nicholas D.; Cornelia E.; Rynier J.; Jacob, died young; and Jacob R., of further mention.

(VIII) Jacob R. Wortendyke, son of Jacob R. and Susan J. (Doremus) Wortendyke, was born in Jersey City, January 15, 1869. He received his education in the public schools of Jersey City and when he was eighteen years of age, entered the employ of the First National Bank of Jersey City. That connection he has continuously maintained to the present time. Rising through one promotion after another to the position of assistant cashier, to which office he was elected October 13, 1916, the entire period of his active career has been devoted to the interests of that institution, and the confidence which the bank officials place in him has been fully justified. Throughout the long period of his connection with the bank he has consistently stood for progress while faithfully safeguarding the interests of the institution and of its patrons. Along with his responsibilities as assistant-cashier of

the First National Bank, Mr. Wortendyke has not failed to find time to contribute his share toward the advancement of the welfare of the community in which he lives and he has also found time to maintain a connection with various organizations of a civic and social nature. He is a member of the Holland Society, the Hudson County Historical Society, the Content Club, and of the Palma Club. Fraternally he is affiliated with Enterprise Lodge, No. 48, Free and Accepted Masons, of Jersey City; and his religious interest is with the Bergen Reformed Church, of Jersey City, of which he is a member and which he serves as a member of the consistory. Politically Mr. Wortendyke is a Democrat. He finds recreation in fishing, which is his hobby.

Jacob R. Wortendyke married, on October 17, 1900, Anna Campbell Traphagen, who is a descendant of one of the oldest families of Hudson county, the Traphagens being among the original settlers of Jersey City. The Hudson County Historical Society has in its possession an old deed which was given by Queen Anne to one of Mrs. Wortendyke's ancestors for property in what is now Jersey City. Mrs. Wortendyke is a daughter of Henry and Anne (Campbell) Traphagen. Mr. and Mrs. Wortendyke are the parents of two children: Anne Campbell; and John Jacob. The family residence is at No. 32 Greenwood avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey.

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### STANTON, Thomas Joyce,

Lawyer.

In legal circles in Hudson county, New Jersey, Mr. Stanton is taking a prominent position, although he has practiced only since his discharge from the military service, after the activities of the World

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War. He is a son of Martin and Ellen (Joyce) Stanton, and his father was born in County Mayo, Ireland, November 8, 1861. Coming to America and settling at once in Jersey City, Martin Stanton was a young man twenty years of age when he began life in this country. He has now been with the Pennsylvania railroad for thirty-five years and is still active in that connection. The mother was also born in Ireland and is also still living. They are the parents of six children, all now living in Jersey City: Mary; Helen; Thomas Joyce, of further mention; Martin; Agnes; and Joseph P.

Thomas Joyce Stanton was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, February 12, 1895. His education was begun at St. Dominick's Academy, which he attended during 1898 and 1899, then entered the Catholic Institute, and was graduated in 1908, after which he covered a course at St. Peter's Preparatory School, his graduation occurring in 1911. He was graduated from St. Peter's College in the class of 1915, then spent two years at Fordham University Law Department, after which he completed his legal studies at the law department of the University of Maryland at Baltimore, which he attended from September to December of 1917. On December 1, 1917, Mr. Stanton enlisted in the service of the United States Army as a flying cadet and was commissioned second lieutenant at Kelly Field, Texas, in 1918. He trained at several stations in this country, and was about to embark for France when the signing of the armistice brought an end to further expeditionary activities. Meanwhile, from the time of his graduation from St. Peter's in 1915, Mr. Stanton was connected with the American Mutual Liability Insurance Company of Boston, in various capacities, and was acting as branch manager of this

company at Baltimore at the time of his enlistment in the army. Upon his return to civilian life, Mr. Stanton became affiliated with Runyon & Autenrieth, of Jersey City; then became a member of the firm of Warren, Britt & Stanton, in which connection he now practices with offices in the Trust Company of New Jersey building. Mr. Stanton has gained an assured footing in his chosen profession and is counted among the broadly promising figures in the legal fraternity of Hudson county to-day.

Fraternally he is a member of Jersey City Council, No. 137, Knights of Columbus; Jersey City Lodge, No. 211, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and is a member of the Phi Kappa Sigma college fraternity. His club is the Union League Club, of Jersey City. Mr. Stanton's religious affiliation is with St. Aloysius' Church, of Jersey City.

Mr. Stanton married, on April 17, 1923, at the Church of St. Paul the Apostle, in New York City, Louise Lynch, daughter of John and Katherine (Reilly) Lynch.

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### **BOLAND, Francis P.,**

#### **Business Man.**

Mr. Boland, identified since 1914 with public affairs as assemblyman, freeholder, and in the Democratic party councils, entered commercial life in this region after a long affiliation with the Pennsylvania railroad. He is now president of the Interstate Oil Company, vice-president of the Hudson Electric Supply Company, second vice-president of the Realty Surety Company, and has other business connections of importance. He is a native of Jersey City, born June 27, 1885.

Mr. Boland obtained his education in St. Joseph's Parochial School, Public School No. 11, and night school, after

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which he took a course in the International Correspondence School. His day school training ended at the age of thirteen years, when he entered the service of the Pennsylvania railroad, in 1899, and continued in their employ until 1920. At the present time he is president of the Interstate Oil Company, operating gasoline and oil stations throughout New Jersey. Mr. Boland was one of the organizers of the Home Title Guaranty and Mortgage Company, the second title company in the county, and the first mortgage company to be formed on a large scale, the organization's purpose being the loaning of large sums of money with land as collateral.

Mr. Boland's interest in political matters dates to his early manhood, when he became known as an effective worker for party success, in 1914 receiving the Democratic nomination for assembly from his Jersey City district. He was elected and during his term in the legislature served on the committee of canals and railroads. In the fall of 1915 he was elected to membership in the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Hudson county, was re-elected at the expiration of his term, and then was a third time honored with the election to the same body, in which he now serves. Mr. Boland is a member of the Democratic Club of Jersey City, fraternizes with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Knights of Columbus, and is a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Boland married, January 9, 1907, in Jersey City, Eleanor F. Kreig, of this city, and they are the parents of the following children: Eleanor, Mary, Dorothy, Margaret, Genevieve, Francis P., Jr., and Robert Richard. The family home is at No. 64 Magnolia street, Jersey City.

### VREELAND, Howard Romaine,

**Bank Executive.**

The life of Howard Romaine Vreeland, of Jersey City, New Jersey, bears the closest relation to the prosperity and economic security of the municipality and its people, and in his responsible position as cashier of the Union Trust and Hudson County National Bank, he is fulfilling exacting duties with the greatest efficiency. Mr. Vreeland comes of a very old and honored family of Holland, for many generations in this country, the original land grant inscribed on the finest parchment still being held by members of the family. This document granted "from Queen Anne to Enoch Michaelson, son of Enoch Vreeland," land which comprised practically the entire district now known as the Greenville section of Jersey City, and for these many acres the grantee paid ten shillings. The seven generations of the Vreeland family, who have since occupied portions of this land, have been men of progressive spirit and large ability. Cultivating the soil as their leading occupation, they have also, in earlier generations, been active as fishermen, and George Vreeland, Mr. Vreeland's great-grandfather, followed both these callings. George (2) Vreeland was engaged along similar lines, and his marriage to Catherine Newkirk linked this family with another of the very old and prominent names of this State. Of their nine children, the only two surviving are Oliver Perry Vreeland, Howard Romaine Vreeland's father; and Ferdinand Vreeland, a resident of Branchport, Monmouth county, New Jersey, now retired.

Oliver Perry Vreeland, Mr. Vreeland's father, was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, October 10, 1853. His education com-



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prised courses at the local schools, Hasbrouck Institute, and the Eastman Business Institute, at Poughkeepsie, New York. Oliver Perry Vreeland's boyhood and youth were spent on the farm at Greenville, the homestead standing only about one-half mile from the institution of which he has for many years been president, the Greenville Banking and Trust Company. His deepest interest as a youth was in the Indian relics which were found in the shell heaps on this property, and a review of his life, which appears elsewhere in this work, gives interesting facts in regard to this unwritten record of a race now gone from this section. Oliver Perry Vreeland was one of the incorporators of the Greenville Banking and Trust Company, which was organized on December 11, 1895, and which he later served as president, an office in which he is still active. He married, on November 29, 1877, in Jersey City, Annie Romaine, who died April 6, 1895, leaving the following children: Nellie, now deceased; Albert, also now deceased; Howard R., of further mention; and Alice M., wife of Gibson Caryl. Oliver Perry Vreeland married (second) at Tenaflly, New Jersey, July 29, 1897, Emma Westervelt, also a member of one of the oldest families of New Jersey, originally from Holland, and their son, Perry W., is identified with the Greenville Banking and Trust Company.

Howard Romaine Vreeland was born at Greenville, New Jersey, January 11, 1884. His education was begun in Public School No. 20, of Jersey City, and later entering Stevens Preparatory School, at Hoboken, New Jersey, he covered the usual course at that institution, then made definite preparations for a commercial career at Coleman's Business College, at Newark, New Jersey, and was graduated from that

institution in due course. At the age of eighteen years Mr. Vreeland entered the employ of the Seaboard National Bank and the Mercantile National Bank, of New York, where he was active until the year of 1904. He then connected with the Mechanics' Trust Company, of Bayonne, New Jersey, as clerk, and later as note teller, until 1906, when he became identified with the Hudson County National Bank, as receiving teller. With the consolidation of this institution with the Union Trust Company, Mr. Vreeland became cashier of the new institution, and in this position he still ably serves. Mr. Vreeland has few interests outside his business, although he keeps in close touch with the general advance. He is a member of the Holland Society of New York, the National Geographical Society, and the Downtown and Automobile clubs. His leisure interests include motoring and fishing, and he is affiliated with the Dutch Reformed church.

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### SCOTT, George Vane,

#### Physician.

The medical profession in Hudson county is represented by a group of forward-looking men whose activities are doing much for the welfare of the people and the advance of the profession. In this group Dr. George Vane Scott is a figure worthy of special mention, his practice in Jersey City, which has covered a period of eight years, having placed him among the leading physicians and surgeons of this city. Dr. Scott is a son of Carter and Lucy (Gilchrist) Scott, both natives of Ohio, his father who was a farmer by occupation and a man of esteemable character is dead, but the mother is still living.

George Vane Scott was born in Jeffer-

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son county, Ohio, December 20, 1888. The family thereafter living in West Virginia, he attended the public schools of Chester in that State, and was graduated from the Chester High School in the class of 1906. Early preparing for his chosen profession of medicine, the young man entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Baltimore, Maryland, from which he was graduated in the class of 1912, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Thereafter he spent sixteen months at Christ Hospital, in Jersey City, in the capacity of interne. Dr. Scott began his career in Weirton, West Virginia, where he was active in general practice for nearly two years. In the year 1915 he was induced to return to Jersey City and here established his office at No. 35 Boyd avenue, where he has since carried forward the general practice of medicine with large success. He is at this time (1923) taking an important post-graduate course along special lines and will shortly go forward in new directions. Dr. Scott is a member of the staff of Christ Hospital, in Jersey City, and as a successful physician of the younger group is commanding the esteem and confidence of the public. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the Hudson County Medical Society, and the Phi Beta Pi medical fraternity, also the Phi Psi literary fraternity, of West Virginia. He has few interests outside of his profession, but is a member of Lodge No. 211, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and his religious affiliation is with the Methodist church.

Dr. Scott married, in Jersey City, in 1913, Agnes Kennedy, who was born in Jersey City, and is a daughter of Patrick and Catherine (Cooke) Kennedy. Dr. and Mrs. Scott are the parents of three children: Ruth, born in 1915; George

Vane, born in 1917; and William Lawrence, born in 1919.

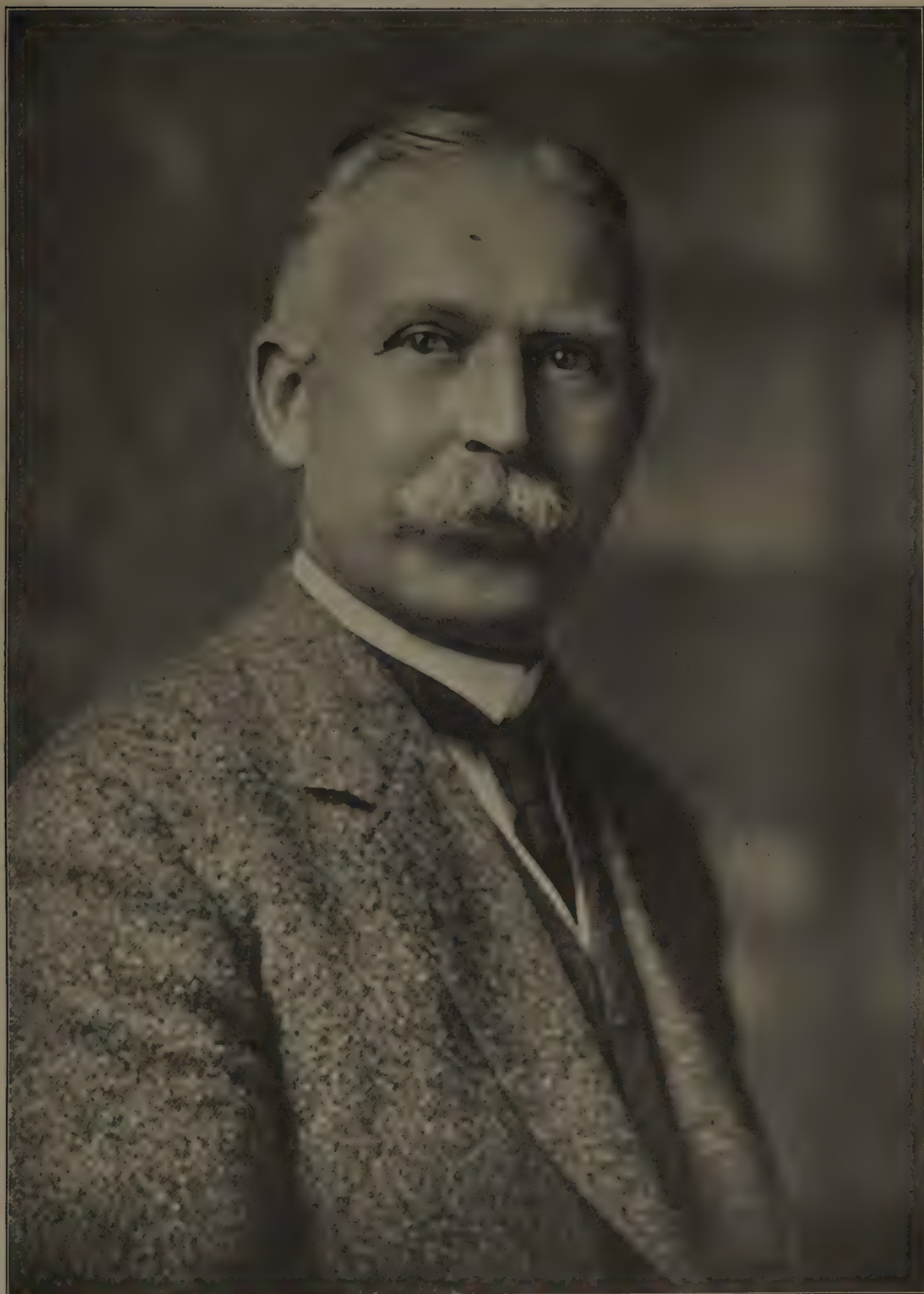
### LEONARD, John Theodore,

**Business Executive.**

Upon the basis of a thorough technical knowledge, inventive talent, and industry that has never flagged, there has been built up an industrial organization of the first class, The Leonard Sheet Metal Works, Incorporated, of Hoboken, of which John T. Leonard, of this record, is president. The manner in which this notable enterprise has come into being and the two decades of its increasingly prosperous operation forms an interesting chapter in the industrial history of the region.

John T. Leonard was born at Malmo, on the coast of the Baltic sea, September 20, 1862, son of Olaf and Anna Leonard, his parents both natives of Sweden. Olaf Leonard was a builder and contractor, a successful operator in these lines. John T. Leonard obtained his education in the excellent public schools of his native land, and there learned the tinsmith's trade, at the age of twenty years coming to the United States, preferring the challenge of possible opportunity to the uneventful certainty of profitable business activity at home.

After coming to the United States he was variously employed in the metal trade, going from New York City to Chicago in its pursuit, but finally returning to New York in 1886, becoming foreman in a cornice and skylight manufacturing shop. In 1900, in partnership with his brother, Elof R. Leonard, he entered the same field independently in New York City as The Leonard Sheet Metal Works, a generous patronage and a large business resulting, its development taxing their



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financial resources. Consequently, in 1904, the opportunity of merging with A. J. Ellis & Company of West New York, was presented, and it seemed advisable to accept the proposition, the Leonard brothers becoming stockholders and directors in the company. The following year this company failed and the brothers were forced to make a new start in business, which they did by opening a shop in Hoboken under the old title, The Leonard Sheet Metal Works.

A good volume of business soon resulted from their industrious efforts, and their close application attracted the favorable notice of Carl Buchholtz, who passed their shop daily and who purchased a third interest in their business, the funds thus supplied enabling the firm to undertake necessary expansion. The original shop at No. 219 Grand street was fifty by seventy-five feet in dimensions, another fifty by one hundred feet was later added, and in 1911 the present plant was erected at No. 800 Ferry street. Recently a large tract in the rear of the plant has been purchased to meet future needs. The plant covers an area two hundred by two hundred and sixty feet, the buildings including the main structure of two floors, sixty by two hundred and sixty feet, one large shed for storage, a wood-working plant, and a number of smaller sheds. Between one hundred and fifty and two hundred persons are constantly employed in the manufacture of metallic doors, windows and store fronts, which are made under their own patents, and in addition to these lines a general sheet metal working business is conducted. Woodworking, die making, machine shop, and blacksmith shop equipment are on the grounds, and the company installs the products they manufacture. The Leonard Ideal Ventilating Window, with counter-balanced sashes, the Leonard

Metal-Clad Door, tested and registered by the laboratory of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, Kalameined Double Acting Doors, the Leonard Panic Lock, and the Two Speed Elevator Doors are items that have met with particularly wide-spread popularity, while many other devices equally excellent are in wide demand. The company maintains a New York office at No. 1270 Broadway, and their products find a market in all parts of the United States. The company holds membership in the Employers' Association of Roofers and Sheet Metal Workers of New York, the Association of Manufacturers' of Metal Covered Doors and Windows of New York, the Building Trade Employers' Association of New York, and the National Association of Manufacturers.

In addition to the above, his major interests, and the field to which he has given the best of his time, mechanical genius, and strength, Mr. Leonard is a director of the Woodcliffe Trust Company, of Woodcliffe, New Jersey, and fills the same position in the State Theatre of Jersey City and the Capital Theatre of Union Hill. In political sympathy Mr. Leonard is a Republican, a believer in the principle of the Protective Tariff, and a strong supporter of good roads movement and increased transportation facilities, particularly between New York and New Jersey. The place he holds in the community is that of a successful industrialist, a citizen who efficiently and unobtrusively performs the duties of good citizenship, and an adopted son who reflects credit upon his native and his chosen lands alike.

John T. Leonard married Ida Natalie Hanson, and they have one daughter, Caja Elizabeth, who was born at Woodcliffe, New Jersey, May 7, 1911.

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### VEIT, William C.,

#### Bank Official.

William C. Veit, assistant secretary and assistant treasurer of the Trust Company of New Jersey, was born in Jersey City, October 9, 1898, and is a son of Fred and Caroline (Staab) Veit, of this city. His education was acquired in Public School No. 11, of Jersey City, and early in the year 1913 he entered the business world, securing a position with the same institution in which he now holds executive responsibility. Revealing from the beginning the sterling qualities which carry a young man high in any field of endeavor, Mr. Veit has more than made good and his associates confidently expect to see him rise to important and far-reaching activities in the world of finance. He has few interests outside his work, but fraternally holds membership in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Jersey City.

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### SCHERMERHORN, Julian Hiram,

#### Manufacturer.

A man of large and varied business interests is Julian H. Schermerhorn, vice-president of the Joseph Dixon Crucible Company, of Jersey City, New Jersey, and of the American Graphite Company, of Ticonderoga, New York. Mr. Schermerhorn is of Dutch ancestry, a descendant of one of the pioneer families which came to this country about 1626 and settled in New York City and Albany.

Horace Schermerhorn, father of Julian Hiram Schermerhorn, was born October 29, 1838, at Muitzeskil, an old Dutch settlement in Columbia county, New York, and died April 29, 1914, aged seventy-four and a half years. He was a ship chandler, and for many years was engaged in business with Thomas Potter,

under the name of Potter & Schermerhorn. After his retirement he resumed active business and engaged in dredging, still in association with Thomas Potter. He lived in Jersey City practically all his life. He married (first) Julia A. Mould, who was born in Jersey City in 1846, and died in 1877, daughter of Thomas Mould, who established and owned the first glass factory in America, located at about the corner of Essex and Sussex streets in Jersey City. He married (second) Emma J. Morley, who survives him and is now living in Ridgewood, New Jersey. To the first marriage three children were born, all of whom are living: Leon; Alroy L.; and Julian Hiram, of further mention.

Julian Hiram Schermerhorn, son of Horace and Julia A. (Mould) Schermerhorn, was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, May 19, 1875, and received his earliest training at the old Edward Kelly School, No. 4, in Jersey City. He was then transferred to the A. D. Joslin School, No. 12, from which he entered the Jersey City High School on Bay street. He graduated in 1891, and then, at the age of sixteen, found his first employment in the First National Bank of Jersey City, which connection he maintained for eight years. He then became identified with the Acker, Probus Process Company of Niagara Falls, New York, in which concern he held the official position, first, of treasurer, and then, vice-president. Eight years later he returned to Jersey City, and in 1907 he became treasurer of the Joseph Dixon Crucible Company. Later, he was elected vice-president, which official position he still holds. He is also vice-president of the American Graphite Company of Ticonderoga, New York; and a member of the board of directors of the National Paper and Type Company, of New



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York City, the First National Bank, Jersey City, and the New Jersey Title Guarantee and Trust Company, Jersey City. He is a member of the Carteret Club; of the Holland Society of New York; and of the National Golf Links of America, at Southampton, Long Island. He finds his favorite recreation in out-of-door sports, being a baseball enthusiast and an enthusiastic golfer. He is fond of fishing, and those who accompany him on fishing trips are sure of "luck." His religious affiliation is with St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church of Jersey City.

Julian Hiram Schermerhorn married, in New York City, October 23, 1907, Elaine Lane, who was born in New York City, daughter of John L. Lane, deceased, and of Eleanor (Wardell) Lane, both members of old Monmouth county, New Jersey, stock. Mr. and Mrs. Schermerhorn have no children.

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### GRAHAM, Peter Everett,

#### Head of Printing Establishment.

One of the successful business men of Hudson county, New Jersey, is Peter Everett Graham, who for the past twenty-three years has been conducting a printing business in Jersey City. The enterprise was begun in a small way, in connection with other activities, but has grown to proportions which require all of Mr. Graham's time.

Peter Graham, father of Mr. Graham, was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, where he learned the machinist's trade. He was from youth a great student, and his wide reading early made him acquainted with the advantages of this country. He also became deeply interested in the science of phrenology, and acquired notable skill in giving cranial readings. During the Civil War he came to the United States and

settled in Jersey City, where he followed his trade and also gave phrenological readings to the time of his death. He married Helen Travis, and they were the parents of Peter Everett Graham, of whom further.

Peter Everett Graham was born in Jersey City, June 19, 1867, and received his education in Public School No. 11 in his native city. When his school training was completed he began his active career as a messenger boy in the employ of the American District Telegraph Company, with whom he remained for some time. He then apprenticed himself to a tinsmith, but later found employment as a painter, and still later was for a time engaged in theatrical work. After some years of occupation in different pursuits and in different localities he engaged in the printing business, and in 1900 established a business of his own in Jersey City. He began in a small way, but the business rapidly grew, and now his plant, located at No. 493 Jersey avenue, Jersey City, is one of the well established concerns of that part of the city. His many satisfied customers constantly bring to him new patronage, and there is every prospect that this successful enterprise will in the future exceed even its present prosperity. Fraternally, Mr. Graham is a member of Jersey City Lodge, No. 211, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Court Jersey City, No. 3, Foresters of America; Jersey City Aerie, No. 403, Fraternal Order of Eagles; and the Deputies and Past Chief Rangers' Association, Foresters of America. Professionally he is a member of the Jersey City Typographical Union, No. 94. For recreation he plays pinochle, and as a member of the Pinochle Club plays four and six-handed games every Saturday night.

On June 1, 1890, Peter Everett Graham

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married Mary Rieley, daughter of Michael and Agnes (Davidson) Rieley, and they are the parents of three children: Agnes, Helen, and Robert.

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### CARRINGTON, Shaler,

#### **Building Contractor.**

In construction circles in Jersey City, New Jersey, the name of Shaler Carrington is one of large importance and influence, and Mr. Carrington is also active as owner and proprietor of the Fairmont Hotel. Mr. Carrington has won his own success, beginning life in other fields and reaching out as he came to a point where he made his own decisions and gave reign to his ambitions. He has given to his endeavors the practical ability and unceasing energy which count for large and permanent success, and in his present position is thoroughly representative of the highest type of American citizenship. Mr. Carrington is a son of George W. and Irene (Shaler) Carrington, his father a native of Milford, Connecticut, who died April 4, 1904, at the age of sixty-eight years. His mother, who was born in Newark, New Jersey, of New England parentage, died May 19, 1920, at the age of eighty-two years.

Shaler Carrington was born in New York City, September 24, 1870. The family removing to Jersey City when he was one year old, his education was begun in the public schools of this city and he was later graduated from the Jersey City High School, in the class of 1888. For three years thereafter, Mr. Carrington was active in the manufacture of rope, but feeling that there was little to look forward to in this business he became interested in other lines of endeavor. He secured a position in the employ of the Consolidation Traction Company, then, later, en-

tered the contracting business in New York City. In 1901 Mr. Carrington established an independent contracting business in Jersey City and in this field of activity he early made himself felt as a progressive and broadly practical operator. In 1908 he organized the Carrington Construction Company, which has become one of the important organizations in constructive lines of endeavor in this city. His familiarity with building conditions and progress, opened to him other opportunities of interest, and he built the Fairmont Hotel, which was opened on January 1, 1910, organizing, for the purpose of constructing this building, the Fairmont Company. In January, 1912, the Fairmont Hotel Company was organized, absorbing the interests of the Fairmont Company, and built the southerly building. Mr. Carrington is still at the head of this interest, being the principal owner of the hotel.

Fraternally Mr. Carrington is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, and he is a member of the Baptist church.

Mr. Carrington married, on June 30, 1914, at Jersey City, New Jersey, Sara Drake, who was born in Jersey City, daughter of John Munroe and Minnie (Seeley) Drake. The father is now deceased, but the mother is still living and residing in Jersey City. Mr. and Mrs. Carrington are the parents of one child, Shaler (2), born January 15, 1916.

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### BRENNER, Robert Henry,

#### **Lawyer.**

The profession of the law is represented in Jersey City, New Jersey, by a progressive group of men whose activities mean much to the advance of the city and the welfare of the people. Among the younger members of this group, Robert







Joseph J. Garibaldi

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Henry Brenner is a noteworthy figure, and although he has begun his professional career since the World War, he has gained marked prominence in his chosen field of endeavor.

Max Brenner, Mr. Brenner's father, was born in Lithuania, then a part of Russia, October 17, 1868. Coming to America at the age of twenty years without friends or influence, he won his way to large success in his adopted country. First locating in New York City, he remained there for about five years, then removed to Jersey City, where he has obtained an enviable position in the business world, as a successful coal dealer, with offices and residence at No. 427 Jersey avenue. He is a man of broad views and progressive spirit and shares his time and energies with any cause which promotes the public welfare. He married Emma Brode, who was born in Russia, and is also still living, as are all their five children: Annie, wife of Nathan Kramer, of New York City; Robert Henry, whose name entitles this review; Albert, who is associated with his father in business; Bertha, wife of Joseph Adler, of Jersey City; and Louis.

Robert Henry Brenner was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, April 29, 1896. His education was begun in the local schools and he was graduated from Grammar School No. 9 in the class of 1911. Taking up his higher studies at Dickinson High School, he was graduated in the class of 1915, then entered the New York Law School, where he covered a three years' course, but his graduation was deferred by his military service. On April 29, 1918, Mr. Brenner enlisted in the United States Navy, and was stationed at Newport, Rhode Island, until September, 1918, when he was transferred to the United States Naval Radio School, at Harvard

University, in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and served there as wireless operator until February 19, 1919, when he received his honorable discharge from the service. Resuming his studies, Mr. Brenner was admitted to the bar of New Jersey in 1920, and at once began practice in association with the prominent law firm of Ziegner & Lane, with offices at No. 75 Montgomery street, Jersey City. He has already won an assured position in the profession and is counted among the promising young men of the day in the professional world of the metropolitan district. Fraternally Mr. Brenner is identified with Lodge, No. 211, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Bethel Lodge, No. 207, Free and Accepted Masons; the Knights of Pythias, and the American Order of Foresters. He holds membership in the New Jersey State and Hudson County Bar Associations, is a leading figure in the work of the Young Men's Hebrew Association, Young Men's Christian Association, the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith, and the Hudson County Benevolent Society.

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### **GARIBALDI, Joseph J.,**

#### **Real Estate and Insurance Operator.**

A successful realtor and representative of several of the leading insurance companies throughout the country, Joseph J. Garibaldi is one of the progressive and aggressive business men of Hoboken, New Jersey. He was born January 26, 1890, in New York City, son of Joseph and Filomena (Risetto) Garibaldi. Both parents were born in Genoa, Italy, where the former was an officer in the Italian army.

Joseph J. Garibaldi was educated in the public schools and when a young man engaged in the real estate business on his

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own account and at the same time became representative of several insurance companies. Possessed of considerable business acumen, Mr. Garibaldi applied himself to making a success of his business, and the esteem in which he is held is sufficient proof that he has attained his goal. He is agent of the Travelers Insurance Company, of Hartford, Connecticut; the United States Fidelity and Guarantee Company, of Baltimore, Maryland; The National Surety Company, The Colonial Fire Underwriters' Insurance Company, The Niagara Fire Insurance Company, The Commercial Casualty Company, The American Surety Company, The Victory Fire Insurance Company, The United Firemen's Fire Insurance Company, and several others.

Mr. Garibaldi's political sympathies are with the Democratic party and he is an ardent worker in the interests of this party, at the same time contributing liberally of his time and finances to the furthering of any welfare movement in his community. He is active fraternally, being a member of Lodge No. 74, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; of the Knights of Columbus; and he is a communicant of Our Lady of Grace Church. He is also a member of the Lions Club, Hoboken Chamber of Commerce, and the Real Estate Board of Hudson county, New Jersey.

Mr. Garibaldi married, in Hoboken, January 15, 1912, Louise Parani, born in New York City, March 8, 1893, daughter of John and Mary Parani. Mr. and Mrs. Garibaldi are the parents of the following children: Alice, born in Rochester, New York, August 18, 1913; Joseph, born in Hoboken, December 8, 1914; and Frank, born in Hoboken, November 1, 1921.

### **MINDNICH, Charles Marie,** **Bank Executive.**

Going forward among the progressive executives of Hudson county, New Jersey, Charles M. Mindnich, of Jersey City, New Jersey, is filling a largely responsible position as assistant cashier of the Union Trust and Hudson County National Bank. His entire experience has been in the world of finance, and early winning his way to a position of prominence, he held the office of secretary of the Union Trust Company when the consolidation with the Hudson County National Bank was effected. His activities in the new organization are contributing definitely to its advance.

Frank Anthony Mindnich, Mr. Mindnich's father, was born in Berlin, Germany, December 4, 1854, and has been a resident of the city of Newark, New Jersey, since the year 1875. Coming of a family widely known in musical circles abroad, he was for thirty-eight years organist of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church of Newark, and won fame for his masterly work in this connection. He is now retired from all activity. The mother, Anna (Fleuchaus) Mindnich, was born in Newark, and is also still living. They are the parents of five children, all living: Frank C., secretary of the Federal Trust Company, of Newark; Elsie, at home; Gertrude, wife of Lambert Kumle, of Dixon, California; Charles M., of further mention; and Flora, who fills a secretarial position with the Federal Trust Company, of Newark.

Charles Marie Mindnich was born in the city of Newark, New Jersey, October 24, 1892. His education was begun at St. Mary's Parochial School, of that city, from which he was graduated in due course. He is also a graduate of St. Bene-



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dict's Preparatory School. At the age of sixteen years Mr. Mindnich entered the business world as an employee of a New-ark foundry, but remained for only a short while, almost immediately securing a position with the American National Bank of New York City, in the capacity of first assistant bookkeeper. Remaining in that connection for about two years, Mr. Mindnich then became identified with the savings Investment and Trust Company, of East Orange, New Jersey. It was here that United States intervention in Europe found him, and during the war period he was active as regimental supply sergeant of Group 2, Main Training Depot, Machine Gun Training Camp, at Camp Hancock, Georgia. He received his honorable discharge from the service in February, 1919, when he returned to civilian life. He obtained a position with the Union Trust Company, in which he had become a stockholder, and he was made assistant treasurer of that institution, later on secretary, then with the consolidation, took over the duties of assistant cashier of the Union Trust and Hudson County National Bank. He has few interests outside of his work, but inheriting the family talent for music, and possessing a tenor voice of unusual range and quality, he is a leading figure in the Arion Singing Society of Newark, and has become a noteworthy soloist. He attends St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church of Newark, where he is the tenor soloist.

Charles M. Mindnich married, in New York City, on June 30, 1917, Alice Marie Lillie, daughter of Clarence and Katherine (Bey) Lillie, residents of Newark, the father now retired. Mr. and Mrs. Mindnich have one daughter, Jeanne Marie, born March 15, 1919.

### DOWDEN, Benjamin,

Lawyer.

Among the younger men who have come into prominence since the World War in Jersey City, New Jersey, Benjamin Bowden, of the firm of Darling, Barnes & Dowden, is a noteworthy figure. A progressive young man of the day, alert to all advance, Mr. Dowden is taking a prominent place in the professional world and his activities are contributing to the general welfare and prosperity. Mr. Dowden's family is a very old one in England, and his grandfather came from that country about 1856, sailing from Liverpool and bringing his young wife with him. They located in New York City, but later removed to Hoboken, where the remaining years of their lives were spent. William J. Dowden, their son, and father of the subject of this sketch, was born in New York City, and was active throughout his lifetime in the printing business. He died at the early age of forty-three years. The mother, Anna (McHale) Dowden, died at the age of forty years.

Benjamin Dowden was born in Hoboken, New Jersey, August 21, 1895. First attending the local public schools at Hoboken, he removed to Jersey City in 1907, to live with his uncle, Henry I. Darling, and continued his studies at Public School No. 11, of this city. Thereafter taking a course at Spencer's Business College, he later entered the New Jersey Law School, from which he was graduated in June, 1917, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Admitted to the bar of his native State prior to his graduation, in February, 1917, as attorney, he was admitted as counsellor in 1921. Meanwhile Mr. Dowden was bearing a part in the stirring activities of the time. He enlisted for service in the World War

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In April, 1917, but was rejected. His name was included in the draft, and again he was rejected, but he later volunteered for special service, and qualifying, was assigned to the 125th Field Signal Battalion, stationed at Camp Vail, New Jersey, in which he was active until his discharge from the service in February, 1919. On his return to civilian life, he entered the office of Benjamin I. Darling, and in April, 1922, became a member of the present law firm, with offices at No. 662 Newark avenue. Mr. Dowden's ability has been recognized in political circles, and in 1922 he campaigned extensively for the Republican party, with which he has been allied since attaining his majority. He is a member of the Hudson County Bar Association, and is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, the Knights of Pythias, and the Delta Theta Phi law fraternity. His choice of relaxations include out-door sports, especially baseball. He is a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, and of the Men's Club, of this church.

Benjamin Dowden married, on April 8, 1922, at New Rochelle, New York, Lillian Lloyd Roberts, who was born in Brooklyn, New York, and is a daughter of Edith (Spikes) Roberts, the mother residing at New Rochelle.

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### SCHUMANN, Emil,

**Real Estate Broker.**

Two generations of the name Schumann have been identified with the business progress of Jersey City, New Jersey, within the past sixty years or thereabouts, and Emil Schumann, the first of this family born in America, has borne a broadly constructive part in the development of this city and its environs as a dealer and broker in real estate. Mr. Schumann is now one of the prosperous

and really significant men of the day in Hudson county.

Gustav Schumann, Mr. Schumann's father, was born in Germany, and came to America as a young man in 1865. Settling in Jersey City, he became a prominent figure in the real estate activities in the municipality and its vicinity. He established this interest the year following his arrival, and carried it forward until his death, which occurred on May 10, 1895. His son, Emil, was associated with him for some years before his death. Gustav and Mary Schumann were the parents of two children: Carl G. A.; and Emil, of whom further.

Emil Schumann was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, and attended the local schools until he was fourteen years of age. He then became associated with his father in the insurance business, and from the first bore a definite part in the progress of the interest. He became his father's mainstay, and an active force in the development and expansion of the business. In 1888 they removed to the present address at No. 283 Central avenue, Jersey City, and as leaders in the field they were identified with many important transfers of property. One week before the death of the founder the firm name was changed to its present form, G. Schumann's Sons, then the sudden death of the father left the sons, Emil Schumann and Carl G. A. Schumann, proprietors of the business. In honor of the founder the name has been retained, although for upwards of thirty years Emil Schumann has been the independent head of the interest. Emil Schumann has long held a foremost position in real estate circles in Hudson county, and his progressive activities have done much for local advance. He is president of the Citizens' Building and Loan Association of Jersey City, an organization which has

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been a widely significant factor in the constant increase of the ownership of homes among the people. Socially he is identified with the Lions Club, and the Carteret Club; and is a director in the Trust Company of New Jersey.

Emil Schumann married, in Jersey City, Maude E. Weeks, who was born in this city, and they are the parents of two sons, Emil William Albert, a sketch of whom follows; and Frederick W., born June 10, 1908, who is now a student at Newark Academy, of the class of 1925.

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### **SCHUMANN, Emil William Albert,**

#### **Lawyer.**

A noteworthy figure in the younger group of legal practitioners of Jersey City is Emil William Albert Schumann, associated with the well known law firm of Wall, Haight, Carey & Hartpurce, with offices at No. 15 Exchange place. Mr. Schumann is the third generation of his family in America, his grandfather, who was born in Germany, having come to the United States in 1865.

Gustav Schumann, the pioneer, established an important business in real estate in Jersey City, founding the interest in 1866 and continuing at the head until his death, which occurred May 10, 1895.

Emil Schumann, his son, and father of Emil W. A. Schumann, has carried this business forward since the death of the founder, making it one of the most important in its field in Hudson county. A review of Emil Schumann's career appears on the preceding page.

Emil William Albert Schumann was born in West Hoboken, New Jersey, March 21, 1898. Following his elementary and preparatory studies at Hasbrouck Institute, at Jersey City, and at Newark Academy, at Newark, New Jersey, from which he was graduated in the

class of 1916, he took up his studies at Princeton University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1920. He then undertook the study of law at the Columbia Law School, and was admitted to the bar of the State of New Jersey in November, 1922. Mr. Schumann has gained a profound knowledge of the law, and with his natural ability his friends are confident that he will go far and high in his chosen profession. He served in the World War, having enlisted for service on June 1, 1918. He was first stationed at Plattsburg, New York, where he remained until September, 1918, when he was sent to Camp Grant, Illinois, as second lieutenant of infantry, and there assigned to the Infantry Replacement and Train Troops, but the armistice was signed before the time came for him to go overseas. He was mustered out of the service on December 3, 1918.

Mr. Schumann has always been keenly interested in out-door sports. He played both baseball and football in school and made the Princeton University soccer team, also did considerable wrestling. His chief recreation is now tennis. He is a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, on Duncan avenue, Jersey City. He is unmarried.

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### **SCHMIDT, Frederick W.,**

#### **Public Service Official.**

For nearly three decades Frederick W. Schmidt has been associated with the concern which he now serves as division agent, covering Hudson county. There have been several changes in organization and the name is different now, but the Public Service Electric Company, and the Public Service Gas Company, with which Mr. Schmidt is now identified, include the older concern with which he



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began his active career nearly thirty years ago.

Mr. Schmidt was born in Jersey City, November 15, 1870, son of John Frederick and Catherine (Bisbard) Schmidt, he being one of seven children, the other six of whom are: Albert T.; Ida E., deceased; Walter E.; Edward C.; Arthur H., deceased; and Carrie L., who married A. M. Henry, and is now an active member of the Board of Education of Jersey City. In company with the other boys of the neighborhood, Frederick W. Schmidt attended Public School No. 2, and then became a student in the Jersey City High School, which was then located on Bay street. He graduated from the commercial department of that school in 1890, but previous to that time had secured his first position as an office boy in the employ of O. H. Perry, with whom he remained from September, 1887, to 1890. He then became associated with the Singer Manufacturing Company, finding employment in the art and sales department, where he remained for a period of four years, from August, 1890, to September, 1894. In 1896 he accepted a position with one of the public utilities companies of Jersey City, and since that time has given of his best for the advancement of the interests of the various concerns which are now united under the name of the Public Service Electric Company, and the Public Service Gas Company. When Mr. Schmidt became identified with the Jersey City Gas Company, January 8, 1896, there were three companies operating in Jersey City, the two besides the one just mentioned being the People's Gas Company, and the Consumers' Gas Company. These were operated under a lease granted by the United Gas Improvement Company, and upon the termination of that lease, the Hudson County Gas Company was formed, with E. F. C.

Young, as president. This new company absorbed the three companies already mentioned, and upon the organization of the Public Service Corporation of New Jersey, the Hudson County Gas Company was absorbed, and the Public Service Gas and Public Service Electric companies were organized. When Mr. Schmidt began his association with the Jersey City Gas Company he held the position of bookkeeper, but when the Public Service Gas Company and the Public Service Electric Company were organized he was made division agent for Hudson county. That responsible position he has continued to efficiently fill to the present time (1923). He has been identified with practically every stage of the development of the concern, from its small beginnings to the time of its absorption by the great Public Service Corporation of New Jersey, and his long term of service has made him thoroughly familiar with all the various departments of the section over which he has jurisdiction. He stands high in the esteem of the corporation officers and of his associates, and his long experience in the business of serving the public with illuminating gas and electricity is a valuable asset to the units of the corporation with which he is indirectly associated, the Public Service Gas Company, and the Public Service Electric Company of Jersey City.

Mr. Schmidt is a member of the Jersey City Chamber of Commerce, of the Hoboken Chamber of Commerce, and of the Bayonne Chamber of Commerce, and for the past twelve years he has been identified with the Home of the Homeless, which he serves as treasurer. He is also a member of the American Gas Association and of the National Electrical Lighting Association, and a director in the Fifth Ward Savings Bank. With all his business activities and responsibilities





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Mr. Schmidt finds time for social connections, in which he finds healthful recreation and friendly intercourse with those who are engaged in other lines of business activity. He is a member of the Carteret Club, Rotary Club, and Arcola Country Club, and his friends, both in these organizations and among his business associates, are many.

Frederick W. Schmidt married Georgia G. Grimes, on October 12, 1898, daughter of Colonel John, a well known resident of Jersey City, and of Mary (Potter) Grimes. Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt are the parents of two children: John Grimes, who is a sophomore in Williams College; and Mary Potter, who is a student in the Bergen School for Girls, in Jersey City.

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### **FAURE, Gaudence C., LL. B.,**

#### **Attorney.**

Thoroughly aggressive but no less progressive and alert to every phase of human advance, Gaudence C. Faure holds a prominent position in legal circles in Hoboken, New Jersey, and during the eight years of his activity as a lawyer has forged his way to an enviable rank in the profession of the law. With offices in the terminal building, in Hoboken, he is counted among the largely successful men of the day in the metropolitan district. He is a son of John Faure, who was born at Marseilles, France, and came to this country as a young man, where he was active in New York City along merchandising lines until his death. The mother, Assunta (Fugazzi) Faure, was born in Genoa, Italy, and is still living.

Gaudence C. Faure was born in Hoboken, New Jersey, February 27, 1890. His early education was received in the public schools of Hoboken, and later entering Eagan's Business School, he graduated from that institution in the class of 1907.

Eventually Mr. Faure realized an early ambition in taking up the study of law at the New Jersey Law School, from which he was graduated in June, 1915, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Admitted to the bar of his native State in December of the same year, Mr. Faure has practiced in Hoboken since, and for several years was located in the Stineck building, but later removed to his present offices in the Terminal building and has followed general lines of practice since taking up his professional work. Mr. Faure is a loyal adherent to the principles of the Democratic party. He served in the United States army during the World War for seven months, and was assigned to the Depot Brigade at Camp Dix, New Jersey, receiving his discharge in December, 1918. He has few interests outside his work; indeed, Mr. Faure considers that he has no leisure for such interests as would divert his attention from his work.

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### **INGRAM, Robert Bruce,**

#### **Business Man.**

As a successful plumber of Jersey City, New Jersey, Robert Bruce Ingram holds a prominent position in the business world of Hudson county, and in the various interests of the day he keeps in touch with the general progress, although taking no active part in public affairs. Mr. Ingram comes of an old English family of that name, for many years prominent in New York State, and his father, Robert Bruce Ingram, was born in Kingston, New York, in August, 1837. He was a marine engineer by trade and was active along this line throughout his lifetime, going to all parts of the world in the course of his work. He died March 22, 1913. The mother, Catherine F. (Sutherland) Ingram, was born at Peekskill, New York, September 3, 1884, and is still

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living (1923) and in good health, a resident of Jersey City. She is a descendant of the Scotch Duke of Sutherland, but her ancestors have been for generations in America and her father, Angus Sutherland, served in the War of 1812. Robert Bruce and Catherine F. (Sutherland) Ingram were the parents of four children: Edmund P., an engineer; Robert B.; Lucius L., now deceased; and one child who died in infancy.

Robert Bruce Ingram was born at Peekskill, New York, November 2, 1867. When he was four years of age the family removed to Crugers, Westchester county, New York, near Peekskill, then not long afterwards removed to Kingston. There the lad acquired his early education, attending the public schools of that city, then the family made another change in 1878, when he was eleven years of age, coming to Jersey City. Here he attended Public School No. 11, from which he was graduated in 1884. Mr. Ingram's first industrial experience was in the employ of a firm of ship plumbers, the H. C. & J. H. Calkins Company of New York City, located on Christopher street. There he mastered the plumber's trade, continuing with the concern for a time afterward, spending eight years in all in this connection. He was then identified with the Pennsylvania railroad for six years, after which he established his plumbing shop at No. 833 Newark avenue, Jersey City. He has been active in this neighborhood for twenty-eight years and is now located at No. 846 Newark avenue. Mr. Ingram is counted as a pioneer in his line, being one of the oldest plumbers in point of consecutive activity in this part of Jersey City. He has developed a very extensive and prosperous business and employs only the most skilled workmen, meeting the demands of the most exclusive trade. Progressive in spirit and in-

terested in all advance, he served as clerk of elections in 1891, but the exactions of his business have for many years precluded great activity in outside affairs. He is a member of the Master Plumbers' Association; and his chief relaxation is an occasional fishing trip. He is affiliated with Grace Methodist Church.

Robert Bruce Ingram married, in 1889, at Jersey City, Maude Hickey, who was born in Newburgh, New York, and is a daughter of John and Anna Hickey, both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Ingram are the parents of seven children: Beatrice A., married Eugene C. Raggie, Jr., and has one child, Eugene C. Raggie, 3rd; Edmund P.; Harold J.; Bertrand J.; Myrna G., who is teaching in the public schools of Jersey City; Maude G., also a public school teacher; and Muriel A., who is a student of the William L. Dickinson High School.

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### DOHERTY, Robert Henry,

Lawyer.

Although a comparatively young man Mr. Doherty is well known in Jersey City, New Jersey, as a successful lawyer and active in political counsels of his party. He is one of eight children born to Patrick and Mary (Dwyer) Doherty, of Jersey City, the others being: Sadie, who died at the age of seventeen; Agnes A., wife of Alexander Hamill; Monica; James; Edward; Hugh F., whose sketch follows; and Thomas. The father was born at County Sligo, Ireland, February 2, 1851, and was brought to this country by his parents when nine years of age, locating in Wayne county, Pennsylvania. He came to Jersey City in 1886 and engaged as a wholesale ice merchant for twenty-five years, death occurring at his summer home at West Camp, New York, February 5, 1921.

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Robert Henry Doherty was born December 12, 1889, at Jersey City, New Jersey, where he graduated from St. Peter's Parochial School in 1903, and St. Peter's Parochial College in 1910 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, the following year receiving the degree of Master of Arts. Then he attended the law school at Fordham University and was graduated in 1913 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. In December of the same year he was admitted to the New Jersey bar and became counsellor in 1916. From 1914 to 1917 he was a member of the law firm of Doherty & Kinkead, and then served with the United States navy, and upon his return established an office at No. 586 Newark avenue, Jersey City, where he is now located.

As a Democrat he has campaigned in every election for that party during the past eight years; was appointed chairman of the State Athletic Commission in May, 1921, by Governor Edwards; and was appointed assistant county counsel for Hudson county in December, 1921. He spoke throughout the State of New Jersey for Mr. Edwards when the latter was seeking the governorship and again as nominee for United States senator. Mr. Doherty enlisted, December 13, 1917, in the navy and was stationed at Pier No. 7, Hoboken, from which naval overseas transportation was made. He was commissioned an ensign in May, 1918. He is a member of Naval Reserve, Fidelity Post, No. 87, New York City; Lodge No. 211, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Jersey City; and of Jersey City Council, No. 137, Knights of Columbus. He is a communicant in St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church in Jersey City. His recreational interest is in football and baseball, having played both of these games and basketball while a student at St. Peter's College.

On September 20, 1921, at Atlantic City, New Jersey, Mr. Doherty was united in marriage with Mary C. O'Neill, daughter of Robert and Mary (Hart) O'Neill. They are the parents of one child, Robert H., Jr., born September 27, 1922.

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### **DOHERTY, Hugh Francis,** **Counsellor.**

Hugh Francis Doherty, son of Patrick and Mary (Dwyer) Doherty, and brother of Robert Henry Doherty of the New Jersey bar (q. v.), was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, August 12, 1893. He prepared in St. Peter's Parochial School, Jersey City, going thence to Georgetown College, finishing with the degree of Bachelor of Arts with the class of 1914. He was a student at St. Peter's College, Jersey City, the following year, receiving the A. M. degree with the class of 1915. He prepared for the profession of law at Fordham University, whence he was graduated LL. B., class of 1917. He was admitted to the New Jersey bar the same year, and has since been engaged in practice in Jersey City, his office at No. 586 Newark avenue. He was admitted a counsellor in 1920 and is associated with his brother in practice. He was a soldier of the World War, 1917-1918; is a member of Jersey City Council, No. 137, Knights of Columbus, and a past grand knight (1920); member of Jersey City Lodge, No. 211, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Union League Club; St. Peter's Club; and St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church.

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### **KLEIN, George Washington,** **Business Man.**

As clerk of the town of Guttenberg, New Jersey, George Washington Klein has been efficiently serving his commu-



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nity for the past five years. He has had a varied experience, having been successfully engaged in several lines of business activity and is well and favorably known in the town of Guttenberg and vicinity.

Herman Klein, father of George Washington Klein, was born in Germany and came to this country with his parents when he was an infant. The family settled first in Weehawken, from which place they removed to Secaucus, New Jersey, and after residing in that place for a time they finally settled in Guttenberg, New Jersey. It was more than seventy-five years ago that the father, Herman Klein, settled in Hudson county and the house in which he lived has become one of the old landmarks of the county. He was a blacksmith who plied his trade at what is now No. 73 Park avenue, where he worked at his forge for more than forty-five years. Herman Klein now lives in Guttenberg, New Jersey, with his son, George Washington, and the well-earned years of his retirement he is spending in quiet and peace. On May 28, 1923, he celebrated his seventy-ninth birthday and is now the oldest resident of Guttenberg. He married Mary McArdle, a native of New York City, who died in Guttenberg.

George Washington Klein, son of Herman and Mary (McArdle) Klein, was born in the homestead at Guttenberg, where he is now living, February 21, 1893. After completing his education with graduation from the high school of Guttenberg, he found his first employment with James L. Morgan, whose business concern is now known as the General Chemical Company, of Edgewater, New Jersey. That connection he maintained for a period of six years, at the end of which time he became associated with the New York Telephone Company. Five and a half years later he severed that con-

nection and engaged in business for himself, handling a line of electrical goods in Guttenberg. The enterprise was successful and was continued until 1918, when he was appointed clerk of the town of Guttenberg, which public office he has held continuously to the present time (1923). He is an able and energetic man, one who makes many friends, and throughout the territory immediately surrounding the town of Guttenberg he is well known and highly esteemed. Fraternally he is affiliated with Union Hill Lodge, No. 1357, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and he finds his chief recreation in hunting and fishing. His religious affiliation is with the Roman Catholic Church of St. Joseph.

On January 27, 1916, in the Church of St. Augustine, at Union Hill, New Jersey, George Washington Klein married Julia Stamford, who was born in Union Hill, October 31, 1889, daughter of Frank Benjamin, deceased, and of Margaret (O'Brien) Stamford, the latter of whom is now living in Union Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Klein are the parents of two children: Herman George, who was born November 2, 1916; and George Washington, Jr., who was born December 23, 1920.

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### SEWELL, William Edwin,

**Attorney.**

Practicing law in Jersey City, New Jersey, Mr. Sewell is a member of the firm of Simpson, Gordon & Sewell, located at No. 590 Newark avenue. His grandfather was William Sewell, a native of Jersey City, and father of Thomas Jefferson Sewell, who married Adelaide R. Congreve. Thomas J. Sewell was born in Jersey City, April 22, 1861, and died October 14, 1917. He had been associated with the local police department since 1905. His widow, born at Wappingers

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Falls, New York, April 19, 1861, is still (1923) living. Their two children were: William Edwin; and Elizabeth Gertrude, a teacher in Public School No. 3, of Jersey City.

William Edwin Sewell was born at Jersey City, New Jersey, February 25, 1893, and completed the course in grammar grade of Public School No. 5, February 1, 1908; graduated from the local high school January 31, 1912; and graduated from the New York University Law School in June, 1916. He was admitted to the New Jersey bar during the November term of the Supreme Court in 1917, and after returning from his army service began the practice of law in this city.

He is an Independent in politics but took an active part in the campaigns for Mr. Edwards, both for governor and United States senator. He enlisted in the United States army February 18, 1918, and was stationed at Washington, D. C.; Camp Hancock, Georgia; Camp Beauregard, Louisiana; Camp Meade, Maryland; and in the Signal Corps Officers' Training Camp. Since his return from service in November, 1918, he has been the attorney in charge of the Legal Aid Society of Jersey City. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and is also a member of the Jersey City Club. In religion he is a communicant in St. Mary's Episcopal Church. While a student in the high school he was a member of the track team, and maintains his interest in athletics of all kinds, but especially in football.

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### **RAMSEY, George Edgar,**

#### **Undertaker.**

In the profession of undertaker and funeral director, the duties of which bear

so close a relation to the daily life of the people, George Edgar Ramsey, of Jersey City, New Jersey, is counted among the successful men of the day, his broadly benevolent spirit no less than his business ability making his activities useful to the public. Mr. Ramsey is a member of a family for many years prominent in Ohio, his grandfather, Samuel Ramsey, having come from Ireland, locating first in Philadelphia, then settling permanently in South Charleston, Ohio. William J. Ramsey, Mr. Ramsey's father, was born at Philadelphia, September 7, 1842, as a young man served in the Civil War with an Ohio company, and now resides in South Charleston, retired from active life after a long and useful career in agricultural pursuits. He married Jennie Murray, who was born in South Charleston, Ohio, June 7, 1840, and died May 7, 1894. Jennie (Murray) Ramsey was a great-granddaughter of John Drake, who fought in the Revolution on the side of the Colonies. William J. and Jennie (Murray) Ramsey were the parents of six children: Murray E.; George E., of further mention; Nellie, wife of Chase Colvin; Joseph M.; Anna B., wife of J. Norman Cheney; and Wilbur C., now deceased.

George Edgar Ramsey was born at South Charleston, Ohio, March 17, 1870. His education was acquired in the local public schools, and following his graduation from grammar school in 1883 he was graduated from high school in 1887. He then entered Ohio Wesleyan University, where he continued for two years, when circumstances made it necessary for him to relinquish further study. For four years he taught in the high schools of South Charleston, then in 1894 came to Jersey City, after preparing for his present profession as an undertaker and funeral director. He was first employed in one of the well known firms in this

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field, and continuing with the organization for twenty-two years as an employee and associate, he took over the interest in the latter part of 1915, upon the death of the owner. Located at No. 494 Communipaw avenue, the interest has developed largely since coming into Mr. Ramsey's hands, and with his natural ability as a business man and his fine appreciation of the ethics of his profession, Mr. Ramsey is successful not only from the personal viewpoint, but in relation to the sacred duties which he performs. He has few interests outside of his work, finding his relaxation in outdoor sports. He is a member of Bergen Lodge, No. 47, Free and Accepted Masons; and the Rotary Club, also Emory Methodist Church.

Mr. Ramsey married, at Jersey City, October 14, 1908, Estelle Froude, who was born in New York City, daughter of William and Elinor (McMann) Froude, both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey are the parents of two children: Elinor Georgia, born August 2, 1909; and Ruth Estelle, born July 4, 1912.

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### KOCH, Frank,

Lawyer.

In the year 1898 Frank Koch became an attorney at the New Jersey bar and has since continuously practiced his profession, being now located in Arlington. He is a son of Louis and grandson of Peter Koch, who was one of seven sons, three others being: Michael, a professor of languages in Bavaria; Victor, a colonel in the Bavarian army; and August, court physician. Peter Koch was born in 1801, and died in Metz, Germany, in 1897. He had many sons and in later years seven of them were members of the Theodore Thomas Orchestra that gave the first successful symphony concert in New York. John Koch, one of these musicians, after-

ward built the Lexington Avenue Opera House and lost it in the panic of 1872. The family anciently were inhabitants of Saarlouis, Alsace-Lorraine, and were working machinists in iron. The first practical coffee mills are said to have been made by them in Saarlouis whence they were taken to the French markets by team. On the maternal side, Frank Koch descends from John and Anna Raiser, the former of old French family which died in the male line with him. John Raiser was captain of artillery under Napoleon, the Great, until 1815. John and Anna Raiser were the parents of seventeen daughters, three of whom married Koch brothers, one being the wife of Peter Koch, the great-grandfather of Frank Koch, of Arlington, New Jersey. She had but one son and he died at the age of nineteen years. It is further said of Peter Koch that he invented the breech-loading cannon and sent the pattern and the specifications to Napoleon III, who afterward is said to have claimed the invention as his own.

Louis Koch, one of a family of ten sons and six daughters, was born in Saarlouis, Alsace-Lorraine, now under French flag, March 14, 1837, and died in November, 1906. His mother was very anxious that her son should enter the priesthood, but she died in 1851, when her son was fourteen years of age, and soon thereafter he abandoned his studies and went to Nancy, France, where he learned the confectioner's trade. In 1854 he came to the United States, the first of the Koch brothers to come, as they all eventually did. His first three years in the United States were spent in Honesdale, Pennsylvania, in the employ of a confectioner, then his brother, John, arrived from the old country, and together they started in business in Scranton, establishing a hotel, restaurant and confectionery. Later they opened sim-



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ilar places in Easton, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. During the first invasion of Pennsylvania by the Confederates, Louis Koch enlisted in the 5th Pennsylvania Militia, but was not called into active service.

Finally the Pennsylvania business was given up and he moved to Bergen county, New Jersey, where he was president of the Kingsland and Sawmill Creek Drainage Company. He became active in the Democratic politics of the county and from 1872 until 1879 was a member of the Union Township Town Committee and president of the Union Township Board of Education. He became a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in 1858, was "made a Mason" in 1859, became a member of the Chapter, and in 1862 received the order of Knighthood through the conferring of the Templar degrees. Later he attained the degrees of the Scottish Rite up to and including the thirty-second, becoming a member of the Consistory in Scranton, Pennsylvania, in 1887.

Mr. Koch married Amelia Weber, August 10, 1864, in Masonic Hall, Scranton, in the presence of representatives of two hundred families of the city, and they were the parents of four children: Louis (2), a soldier of the United States in the Spanish-American War, with the rank of sergeant of Company I, 2nd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers; Albert; Frank, of whom further; and Anna Ida, a graduate of the Metropolitan College of Music, her voice a soprano and trained for the operatic stage, music being an inherited attribute to the Kochs.

Frank Koch, son of Louis and Amelia (Weber) Koch, was born in North Arlington, Bergen county, New Jersey, June 7, 1873, and in that locality has resided all his life. His education, begun in the public schools of North Arlington, was

continued in the Thirteenth Street School of New York City, and in high school at Scranton, Pennsylvania. He was variously employed prior to becoming a law student in the office of Addison Ely, of Rutherford, New Jersey, continuing until admitted to the New Jersey bar as an attorney. In 1898 he began practice alone, and in 1901 was admitted a counsellor. He is now located in the town of Kearny, where he is a director and attorney for the First National Bank of Arlington, solicitor for the Kearny Building and Loan Association, and solicitor for the Arlington Building and Loan Association.

When the United States entered in war with Spain in 1898, Mr. Koch enlisted in Company L, 2nd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers, and was in camp at Jacksonville, Florida, where he served as acting quartermaster and commissary sergeant. He is an Independent in politics and in 1906-07 served the borough of North Arlington as collector, clerk of the district school board, clerk of the Board of Health, member of council, borough attorney, and also as recorder of the town of Kearny in 1906 and 1907. He is a member of the Masonic order, affiliated with the Triune Lodge, No. 159, Free and Accepted Masons; and with the bodies of Jersey City Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in which he holds the thirty-second degree. He is a noble of Salaam Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Newark; charter member of Kearny Lodge, No. 1051, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and of the Newark Athletic Club.

Frank Koch married, October 7, 1903, in Connecticut, Edith B. Stremleau, a sister of Emil Stremleau, counsellor-at-law, of Perth Amboy, New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Koch are the parents of a son, Calvin S., and a daughter, Edith Amelia Koch.

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The family home is at No. 110 South Midland avenue, Arlington, New Jersey. Mr. Koch has a wide circle of business and professional friends and acquaintances, while through his fraternities and clubs, he has formed a wide social acquaintance.

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### VOSSLEY, Richard,

#### Musician.

Secretary of the United Choral Conductors of America, Mr. Vossley is a musician of high attainments. He was born in the city of Coblenz, Germany, October 15, 1869, son of Charles and Catherine (von Seppen) Vossley. Both of his parents, who are now dead, were representatives of old German families and enjoyed a position of influence in the social and official community at Coblenz, where Mr. Vossley's father held a government position.

As a boy and a young man Mr. Vossley had every educational and musical advantage which his parents could give him. He was educated first in the public schools, and was graduated from high school upon the completion of his preparatory studies. His fine musical feeling and marked scholastic ability had early manifested themselves, and, when he left high school, he proceeded as an accredited scholar to the University of Bonn, and later to the University of Cologne. During his university days he specialized in the study of music, in which he was destined to find his life occupation, and in the study of chemistry, which has always exerted a profound fascination upon him. In due course he was graduated from the university and entered upon his professional career.

Mr. Vossley's delicate perception of the true mood expressed by music and his ability to awaken enthusiasm and to command coöperation made him invaluable

as a conductor, and he spent nine years on the stage in his native land, serving many famous orchestras as conductor. He also met with great success as a conductor of singing, whether solo or chorus, and upon one occasion was awarded first prize for his conducting of a choir. Upon this occasion the awards were made and the prizes distributed by the Emperor of Germany, and Mr. Vossley has always felt a particular pride in the fact that his work was thus publicly rewarded by the emperor. Mr. Vossley has won many other first prizes, especially as a composer of music for instruments of all kinds. His future in the musical world of his native land was assured, but, in 1904, he decided to seek America, which has risen, in the past few years, to a position of preëminence in the musical world, and to try his fortune in this country. He had no difficulty in forming pleasant and profitable connections here, and he has ever since remained in the United States, of which he is now a naturalized citizen. He has not confined his work in this country to conducting, but has also become an instructor in music. He is at the present time the conductor of six singing societies of New Jersey, and is also the conductor of the Philharmonic Orchestra. As a teacher Mr. Vossley specializes in instruction in singing, in piano playing, and composition. He has many pupils, and an opportunity of studying with him is regarded as something to be highly prized by all those who have any knowledge of the musical world.

Mr. Vossley has long been a member of the United Choral Conductors of America, of which he is now secretary. In politics he is an Independent. During his youth in Germany he served for the required length of time in the Imperial Army, holding a commission as lieutenant of infantry at the age of eighteen. Mr. Vossley is unmarried.

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### GORLIN, Aaron A.,

#### **Business Man.**

In the construction world of Jersey City Aaron A. Gorlin holds a prominent position, and his activities are contributing in a very practical way to the advancement of the city and the welfare of its people. He is now a director and treasurer of one of the progressive and growing automobile concerns of this city. Mr. Gorlin is a son of Abraham Gorlin, who was born in Russia, and came to the United States alone as a youth. Locating in New York City he gained a foothold in the business world without friends or influence, and when he came to Jersey City, more than twenty years ago, it was to take a place of prominence and usefulness in the growth and development of the city as a contracting builder. He has also for years been active in real estate, both as an operator and as a broker. Abraham Gorlin married Yetta Fienberg, who was also born in Russia and is also still living, their residence now being in Jersey City.

Aaron A. Gorlin was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, March 7, 1899. The family removing to Jersey City when he was an infant, his education was acquired in the schools of this city, and he is a graduate of Public School No. 15 and Lincoln High School. Upon the completion of his education Mr. Gorlin became identified with his father in the business activities of the latter in the world of construction. He then became a member of the firm known as the Keystone Motor Car Company, Inc., was made treasurer of the organization and also a director. For a time he further served as general manager of the business, but with its constant and rapid growth the various duties were divided and placed in the hands of a larger corps

of executives. Mr. Gorlin is broadly interested in the movement of the times, served with honor and distinction in the World War, and bears a part in civic and benevolent activities, although he has not as yet accepted responsibilities of a public nature. Fraternally he is identified with the Free and Accepted Masons, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias. He is a member of the Congregation Ohob Sholem.

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### DITE, Edward,

#### **Real Estate Broker.**

In the field of real estate brokerage in West Hoboken, Edward Dite holds a leading position as the active head of the enterprise which was established by his father some eighteen years ago. Mr. Dite is a progressive and enterprising young man, alert to the movements of the times, and interested in a constructive way in all community advance.

Anton Dite, Mr. Dite's father, was for many years active in mercantile interests in West Hoboken and very prominent in the public life of the community. Largely through his activities in civic affairs Mr. Dite became interested in the real estate development of this section of Hudson county, and in 1905 established the business which is now one of the leaders in this field in this section. Anton Dite was for many years a member of the Board of Freeholders of Hudson county and for a number of years served as town treasurer of West Hoboken. While still interested in all public affairs and in the business of which he was so long the head, Mr. Dite is retired from active participation in these affairs. He is a director of the Commonwealth Bank of West Hoboken and also of the Bank of



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Europe of New York City. He married Amelia Nepivoda, who is now deceased.

Edward Dite was born at West Hoboken, New Jersey, July 8, 1888. His education was begun in the local public schools and he later attended New Jersey College of Pharmacy, of Newark, New Jersey. His early business experience was as a druggist and becoming an expert in this profession he was active therein for about eight years. About 1915 he became interested in the real estate business in association with his father, and, continuing in this connection, he assumed more and more responsibility, eventually taking over the management of the business upon his father's retirement. Edward Dite has made for himself a foremost place in real estate brokerage activities in Hudson county and is highly esteemed both among his associates and in all business circles in this section. In April, 1917, Mr. Dite enlisted in the 4th Regiment, National Guard of the State of New Jersey, and shortly afterward was mustered into the Federal service as a member of the 114th Sanitary Corps, of the 29th Division. He was stationed at Camp McClellan for seven months and then going overseas served for fourteen months in France, taking part in some of the most important drives, including the Meuse-Argonne and also the activities in Alsace-Lorraine. Since his return to civilian life, following the war, Mr. Dite has been at the head of the above business. His fraternal affiliations include membership in Lodge No. 74, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of Hoboken; and in West Hoboken Post, No. 114, American Legion. His religious faith is that of the Roman Catholic and he attends the monastery.

**RISELEY, Charles William,**

**Business Man.**

For nearly a quarter of a century Charles William Riseley has been identified with the Public Service Corporation of New Jersey, and at the present time (1923) he is agent for that corporation in Jersey City.

Born in Trenton, New Jersey, February 18, 1883, Mr. Riseley is a son of Charles P. Riseley, born in Trenton, New Jersey, who was engaged as a superintendent to the end of his active career, and who died at the age of fifty-seven years, December 1, 1916, survived by his wife, Margaret A. (Farrell) Riseley, who was born in Trenton and is still a resident of that city. The family is of English ancestry, tracing descent from a grandfather, John Riseley, and a grandmother, Jermina (Prior) Riseley, who sailed from Cambridgeshire, England, and arrived in this country about 1850.

Charles William Riseley received his early education in the public schools of Trenton, and after graduating from the Trenton High School in 1900, became a student in the Warton School of Business in Philadelphia. He later further added to his preparations for a useful and active life by taking courses in the New York University and in Columbia University. Meantime, however, in 1900, after his graduation from high school, Mr. Riseley had secured his first remunerative employment, with the Trenton Gas and Electric Company, later merged with the Public Service Corporation at Trenton, and his connection with that organization has been continually maintained to the present time. He remained in Trenton until he had risen to the position of chief clerk of the Trenton branch of the Pub-

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lic Service Corporation, and then came to Jersey City as assistant agent for the same corporation. Two years later, in 1922, he was made agent of that branch of the business, and the latter position he has continued to hold to the present time. He is one of the energetic and able men of the corporation's staff, and is rendering valuable service in Jersey City. During the World War he enlisted for service and was about to entrain for Palo Alto, California, bound for the officers' training camp there when the armistice was signed and he was discharged from service. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, of the Scottish Rite and the Mystic Shrine; of Stuart Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and of the Knights of the Golden Eagle. He is also a member of the Masonic Club, and the Bergen Tennis Club of Jersey City. He is very fond of walking and mountain climbing. His religious affiliation is with the Reformed church of Bergen, New Jersey.

At Trenton, New Jersey, September 1, 1917, Charles William Riseley married Elizabeth S. Nevius, who was born in Trenton, New Jersey, daughter of Jacob and Margaret A. (Matthews) Nevius, the latter of whom is now living in Trenton. Mr. and Mrs. Riseley have no children.

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### VEZZETTI, Bernard,

#### **Building Contractor.**

For the past thirty-two years Bernard Vezzetti has been engaged in the business of the builder and contractor in Hoboken, New Jersey, and at the present time (1923) is the senior partner of the firm of Vezzetti & Son, Inc. Mr. Vezzetti, as did his father before him, has devoted the years of his active career to the building industry and he is an expert in that field.

Antonio Vezzetti, father of Bernard Vezzetti, was a native of Italy. He received a practical education in the public schools of his native district and then learned the trade of masonry. Later he engaged in the contracting and building business for himself, and throughout the years of his active life he continued to successfully follow that occupation. He married Rose Oneto, who survived her husband and is now living in Hoboken, New Jersey.

Bernard Vezzetti, son of Antonio and Rose (Oneto) Vezzetti, was born in Italy, June 14, 1865, and after receiving his earliest education in the public schools of his native district became a student in the Silesian Fathers' Private School. In 1883, when he was eighteen years of age, he came to the United States and went directly to Hoboken, New Jersey, where he engaged in the contracting business. For several years he followed that occupation in the employ of others, but in 1890, having gained considerable experience and having thriftily saved a good proportion of his earnings, he resolved to engage in the building and contracting business for himself. He was energetic and able and was, in a general sense, familiar with the business from childhood, his earliest recollections being associated with that line of activity. His business steadily prospered and by 1923 had so increased that he found it would be greatly to his advantage to admit a partner. His son had been assisting him for some time and in January, 1923, he was made a partner in the business. At this time Mr. Vezzetti also admitted to partnership his brother-in-law, Nicholas Corzetti, who has been his assistant for a number of years, and the concern is now operated under the firm name of Vezzetti & Son, Inc., with offices at No. 1122 Washington street, Hoboken. The last two years have

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been years of opportunity for the contractor and the builder, and the Vezzetti concern has reaped the full benefit of the favorable conditions. They find it difficult to keep abreast of the volume of new business which constantly comes to them, and during the last five years have erected a number of dwelling houses, stores and public buildings. In addition to the duties and responsibilities of his business connection as a contractor and builder, Mr. Vezzetti is a member of the board of directors of the Jefferson Trust Organization; of the Hoboken Building and Loan Association; and of the Jefferson Building and Loan Association. Politically he casts his vote independently. He takes an active interest in local public matters, especially in educational affairs. He has been a member of the board of school commissioners of Hoboken and he is at the present time a trustee of the commission on industrial schools. During the World War he rendered valuable service on various committees connected with the advancement of the "drives" and gave freely of his time, his energy, and his means for the advancement of war work in general. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Columbus of Hoboken, New Jersey, and he is also a member of the Italian Brotherhood Society of Hoboken. His religious affiliation is with St. Francis' Church of Hoboken, which he serves as member of the board of trustees.

On January 17, 1891, at Hoboken, New Jersey, Bernard Vezzetti married Louisa Crozetti, born in Italy, daughter of Francis Crozetti (now deceased), who came to Hoboken, New Jersey, where he engaged in business as a merchant, and of Rose (Orocchi) Crozetti, also a native of Italy, who is now living in Hoboken. Mr. and Mrs. Vezzetti were the parents of six children: Charles, also in the building

contracting business; Albert, who is associated with his father in the building and contracting business; Raymond, who is a student in Georgetown University, Washington, D. C.; Rose, deceased; Edna; and Florence.

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### SUMMERS, Mrs. Lillian M.,

#### **Business Woman.**

In real estate circles in Hudson county, New Jersey, one of the most noteworthy figures is Mrs. Lillian M. Summers, of Arlington, who is doing a very extensive and largely prosperous business in the buying, selling and brokerage of real estate. An able business executive and broadly interested in all civic and social advance, Mrs. Summers has demonstrated the usefulness of woman in the commercial life of the community. She is a daughter of Charles and Mary Carrie, for many years prominent residents of Providence, Rhode Island.

Lillian M. Summers was born at Providence, Rhode Island, January 30, 1880. Her education comprised the public and high school courses in her native city, also a practical business college course and a course in commercial law. Coming to New Jersey about twenty-six years ago, she has since made her home in Arlington, and has been active in the real estate business in Kearny. Founding this enterprise in 1909 Mrs. Summers has gone forward with not only courage and persistence, but large ability and enviable success, and has built one of the most important interests in this field in Hudson county. Her business training and especially her familiarity with commercial law have equipped her for the work in which she is engaged in an unusually practical manner, and she is acknowledged as an authority and leader in this





*Lillian M. Summers.*



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field. A member for years of the Hudson County Real Estate Board, she is now vice-president of that body and serves on the board of Multiple Listing Exchanges, also on the Legislative Committee. An enthusiastic worker in all organized advance among business and professional women in recent years, Mrs. Summers is an earnest supporter of the Republican party in political affairs, and was brought forward in 1921 and 1922 as candidate for representative from the town of Kearny in the State Assembly, but was unsuccessful. She served as chairman of the executive committee of the County Republican Committee for the town of Kearny. She is a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Newark, New Jersey, and is identified with the Presbyterian church of Kearny.

Lillian M. Carrie became the wife of George A. Summers, of Arlington, New Jersey, on December 10, 1896, and they are the parents of two daughters: Queenie and Pearl, the younger now in business with her mother. The family home is at No. 18 Beach street, Arlington, New Jersey.

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### **MEEKS, Howard Victor,**

#### **Business Man.**

As an organizer, an executive, and a successful business man, Howard Victor Meeks is well known in Hudson county. He is treasurer of The Gardner & Meeks Company, lumber and timber, at No. 212 Union street, town of Union, New Jersey, and is a resident of Woodcliff-on-Hudson. The officers of The Gardner & Meeks Company are: Hamilton V. Meeks, president; Clarence Gardner Meeks, vice-president; Howard Victor Meeks, treasurer; Howard W. Seeley, secretary. For three generations Mr. Meeks' family has been closely identified with the de-

velopment of Woodcliff, New Jersey, and previous to the time of the settlement of Mr. Meeks' grandfather in that locality, the family was active in public affairs in New York City.

Joseph Meeks was a prominent citizen of the early days in New York City, and before the Revolution was one of the founders of the "Baptist Society," the first meeting of which was held in his home. His name appears on the poll tax list of electors of New York City in 1761. He was an active patriot as also were his three sons: John, Joseph (2), and Edward. It was the oldest son, John, known as Captain John, who married, in New York City, Helene Maria de Molinars, member of an old Huguenot family, daughter of Jean Joseph de Molinars, and granddaughter of Jean Joseph Sieur Brum-eau, who at one time was assistant to the Rev. Louis Rou, of L'Eglise de Saint D'Esprit, of New York City. He held a commission as captain during the Revolution in the famous regiment, "Hearts of Oak." He also owned a country place at Morristown, New Jersey, adjoining Washington's headquarters, and it was his wife who acted as interpreter for Washington and Lafayette during the time of his stay at Morristown. As a reward for the services of himself and wife Captain John Meeks was given a grant of land near Syracuse, New York, but there is no record of its ever having been claimed. Another interesting fact in this connection is that a present member of the Meeks family possesses a watch which was presented to Mrs. Meeks at the time Lafayette was leaving Morristown. The line of descent from Joseph (1) Meeks to Howard Victor Meeks, the subject of this sketch, is through his second son, Joseph (2) of further mention.

Joseph (2) Meeks, second son of Joseph



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Meeks, was a prominent citizen in New York City and was exceedingly active in public affairs. He was, as a boy of twelve, the assistant of the noted Van Arsdale, who tore down from the top of a greased pole in Battery Park the British flag which was left floating there at the time of the evacuation of New York by the British. Later he fought in the War of 1812. He was one of the founders of the original Tammany Society, from which Tammany Hall has developed, and throughout his active career he was prominent in the local affairs of the city in which he lived. He married Sarah Van Dyke, daughter of Colonel John Van Dyke, a descendant of one of the oldest Dutch families of New York, and they were the parents of several children, among whom was John, of further mention.

John Meeks, eldest son of Joseph (2) and Sarah (Van Dyke) Meeks, became a resident of Hudson county, New Jersey, where, in 1851, he acquired about 150 acres of land, purchasing from nineteen different titles. A portion of this tract was once the property of Commodore De Kay, and the point of land jutting into the Hudson from the property (now known as Woodcliff) is the "Block House Point," of Revolution fame, where Mad Anthony Wayne, in 1779-80, made an unsuccessful attack on the British force and succeeded only in capturing a herd of cattle, a performance which inspired the satirical poem "The Cow Chase," published in New York City by Major Andre shortly before his capture and execution as a spy. The tract of land which Mr. Meeks purchased included the site of Woodcliff and it is due to the efforts of John Meeks and the two succeeding generations of the family that the development of that community has been so rapid and so satisfac-

tory. John Meeks was a member of the New York firm of cabinet-makers which had been established by his father, Joseph (2) Meeks, and was located on Broad street. The plant narrowly escaped destruction in the fire of 1835. John Meeks married Elizabeth Bush, granddaughter of Richard Bragaw, of Revolutionary fame, and among their children was Hamilton V., of further mention.

Hamilton V. Meeks, son of John and Elizabeth (Bush) Meeks, was born in New York City, December 19, 1850. He received his education in the public schools of New York City, from which he was graduated in 1872. That same fall, he engaged in business with his father-in-law under the firm name of Gardner & Meeks, lumber dealers, of Union Hill and Guttenberg, New Jersey. After the death of Mr. Gardner, in 1895, the concern was incorporated under the name of The Gardner & Meeks Company, and Mr. Meeks was made president of the organization. The entire period of Mr. Meeks' life has been associated somewhat with the development of Woodcliff, New Jersey. It was largely owing to his generosity that the project of building the driveway along the West bank of the Hudson could be achieved. He donated a large portion of the right of way, thus making possible the construction of the Grand boulevard. He married Euretta Eleanor Gardner, daughter of Robert E. Gardner (the Gardner family is one of the oldest of Hudson county). Mr. and Mrs. Meeks are the parents of three children: Howard Victor, of further mention; Clarence Gardner, a sketch of whom appears on following pages; and Euretta Eleanor.

Howard Victor Meeks, son of Hamilton V. and Euretta Eleanor (Gardner) Meeks, was born in the town of Union, Hudson county, New Jersey, April 11,

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1878. After receiving a fair practical education in the public schools of his native town, he entered the preparatory department of Stevens Institute, at Hoboken, New Jersey, later becoming a student of the institute, taking the course of mechanical engineering. He was graduated in 1901 with the degree of mechanical engineer, and for several years after the completion of his technical course, followed his profession. In 1905 he became a member of The Gardner & Meeks Company, lumber dealers, a business established by his grandfather, Robert Gardner, in 1853. Mr. Meeks was elected secretary of the company and later was chosen treasurer and that official position he has continued to hold to the present time (1923). In addition to his activities as a member of The Gardner & Meeks Company, Mr. Meeks has been active in other business enterprises. He organized the Union Auto Company, which is located at No. 130 Columbia street, in Union Hill, New Jersey, of which he is secretary and treasurer. The concern handles the Willys-Knight and the Overland cars and has built up a very large patronage. He is also president and a member of the board of directors of the Woodcliff Trust Company, which he helped to organize in 1922. As secretary of the Woodcliff Land Improvement Company, he has been an important factor in the development of the community of Woodcliff. During the World War Mr. Meeks served on the reserve forces of the Engineering Corps, ranking as ensign, and in that capacity made two trips overseas. He is well known in community club circles, being a member of the Arcola Country Club, of Bergen county; the New York Club; and of various other local organizations. He is also a member of Sigma Nu fraternity, Sons of the Revolution, Military Order of

the World War; American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and the Rotary Club of Weehawken.

Mr. Meeks married (first) Ethel Colon, on November 4, 1903, in New York City, daughter of George E. and Catherine (McKee) Colon. Mr. and Mrs. Meeks are the parents of two daughters: Eleanor and Katharine. Mr. Meeks married (second) on October 12, 1923, in Elmhurst, Long Island, Florence Dorothy Mueller, daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth (Cehfuss) Mueller.

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### **MEEKS, Clarence Gardner,**

#### **Man of Affairs.**

One of Hudson county's energetic and successful men of affairs is Clarence G. Meeks, who in addition to his activities as vice-president of The Gardner & Meeks Company of Union Hill, New Jersey, and as vice-president and treasurer of the Woodcliff Land Improvement Company of Bergen, New Jersey, is widely known throughout the county for his public-spirited and patriotic work as a citizen.

Clarence Gardner Meeks, son of Hamilton V. and Euretta Eleanor (Gardner) Meeks, and brother of Howard Victor Meeks (see preceding sketch), was born in the Town of Union, Hudson county, New Jersey, July 14, 1880. At the age of eight years he began attending Union Hill Public School, but three years later he became a pupil in Mrs. McFarlane's School in Hoboken. In 1894 he entered Columbia Institute, New York City, going in 1896 to Dwight School, finishing in 1898. The same year he entered Columbia University, in the class of 1902. He then entered business life and he has had a very successful career, being now vice-president of The Gardner & Meeks Company of Union Hill, New Jersey; vice-

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president and treasurer of the Woodcliff Land Improvement Company of North Bergen, New Jersey; a director and member of the executive committee of the Hudson Trust Company; and member of the board of managers and executive committee of the Hoboken Bank of Savings. He is a member and at different times has served as both president and treasurer of the Hudson County Building Material Dealers' Association, and is an ex-president of the Hudson County Retail Lumbermen's Association.

In politics a Republican, Mr. Meeks has always been actively interested in political affairs. In earlier life, he served as grand jurymen, both county and Federal. In 1908 he was a candidate for the Legislature; from 1910-1915 he was a member of the State Board of Geological Survey; was a member of the Hudson County Park Commission; and for several years was vice-chairman of the Hudson County Republican Committee. During the World War period, 1917-1918, he served as Federal Food Administrator of North Hudson; was chairman of the North Bergen Committee during the third, fourth and fifth Liberty Loan campaigns, and took an active part in the Red Cross, United War Work, and other "drives" of the war period.

In the Masonic order Mr. Meeks holds varied memberships, being a member of the Mystic Tie Lodge, No. 123, Free and Accepted Masons; of Jersey City Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree. He is a member of Salaam Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, of Newark, New Jersey; the Lincoln Association of Jersey City; the Lumber Trade Golf Association, of which he has served as president and vice-president; Sons of the Revolution. His

clubs are: The New York, of New York City; Arcola Country, of Arcola, New Jersey; and Columbia University.

Mr. Meeks married, October 5, 1901, Lillie Bennett, daughter of William R. Bennett, of Brooklyn. Mr. and Mrs. Meeks are the parents of three children: Hamilton, born July 10, 1902; Elizabeth Evelyn, born December 23, 1905; and Clarence Gardner (2), born January 1, 1908. The yards and plant of The Gardner & Meeks Company are at No. 212 Union street, Union Hill, New Jersey, and the family home is at No. 3 Thirty-second street, Woodcliff, New Jersey.

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### DWYER, Patrick Aloysius,

Lawyer.

Among the younger professional men of Jersey City Mr. Dwyer is a promising figure and is one of those progressive young men who have taken up the activities of the day since the recent war. Mr. Dwyer is a son of John and Mary (Calery) Dwyer, both natives of Ireland, the father now deceased. John Dwyer was born in Ireland and came to this country as a young man, alone and without friends. He established himself in the lumber business and became one of the successful men of Jersey City, where he resided from the time of his arrival in America. He died in January, 1919. They were the parents of five children.

Patrick Aloysius Dwyer was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, January 31, 1896. He received his early education at St. John's Parochial School, from which he was graduated in 1910. He covered the preparatory course at St. Peter's Preparatory School, from which he was graduated in 1914, and in the fall of the same year he entered St. Peter's College. He passed three years at St. Peter's Col-







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lege then entered the Army, and after his discharge, finished his studies at Fordham University, receiving the degrees of Bachelor of Arts in 1919, and Bachelor of Laws in 1922. Mr. Dwyer enlisted for service in the World War on September 22, 1917. He was stationed at Camp Dix for eight months, then was transferred to Camp Gordon for two months, thereafter was again transferred to Camp Hancock, Georgia, where he remained for six months. During the course of this period Mr. Dwyer rose from private to corporal, then sergeant, then second lieutenant and was mustered out of the service with the last-named rank, in December, 1918. Admitted to the bar of New Jersey in February, 1922, Mr. Dwyer opened offices at No. 75 Montgomery street, Jersey City, and took up the practice of law. He has made a most auspicious beginning and his friends are confident that he will go forward to constantly increasing success and win a noteworthy position in his chosen field of professional endeavor.

Mr. Dwyer is a member of Alfred J. Shine Post, No. 84, American Legion; and of Jersey City Council, No. 1562, Knights of Columbus. He is single and is a member of St. John's Roman Catholic Church.

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### SULLIVAN, Hon. Leo Stanislaus,

#### Lawyer.

The profession of the law has given to the State of New Jersey many brilliant legislators, and it is surely fitting that the lawmakers should be chosen from among the men who have made a life study and life work of legal lore and procedure. Leo Stanislaus Sullivan, one of the prominent lawyers of Jersey City, has served his native State in the Legislature of 1915, and has held his present responsible office as police court magistrate of Jersey City for

the past decade. Mr. Sullivan is a man of large ability, and his public service has contributed definitely and directly to the welfare of the people. He comes of a fine old Irish family and is a son of Mark Anthony and Catherine (Driscoll) Sullivan, both natives of Ireland, and both now deceased. Mark Anthony Sullivan came to America with his parents while still only a young lad, and the family resided in Boston for some years. There he remained until his mature years, when he came to Jersey City, and was active in business here until his death, on December 13, 1889, at the age of sixty-five years. Mark Anthony and Catherine (Driscoll) Sullivan were the parents of three children: John; Mark A., whose life is reviewed elsewhere in this work; and Leo S., of further mention.

Leo Stanislaus Sullivan was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, June 15, 1880. His education was begun at St. Peter's Parochial School. He is a graduate of St. Peter's High School, and he covered the classical course at St. Peter's College, from which institution he was graduated in the class of 1913. Admitted to the bar of New Jersey in November of the same year, he at once took up the practice of his chosen profession, establishing his office at No. 15 Exchange place, Jersey City. The history of his professional activity is a record of definite and high achievement. He has attained an enviable position, and his elevation to the bench in the year 1917 was looked upon as a recognition of merit rather than a favor or compliment. Mr. Sullivan is a member of the American Bar Association and lends his influence to all professional advance. Since attaining his majority he has taken the deepest interest in the progress of political affairs, and has been a loyal worker in the ranks of the Democratic



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party. Possessing the qualities of leadership, it was perhaps but natural that he should have been brought forward in the public service. His influence was felt in local party affairs for several years before he accepted the nomination for any public office. In his election to the Legislature of 1915 the party leaders expressed their confidence in him, and in his record as a legislator his constituents found that confidence well vindicated. He was later elected to the chairmanship of the Hudson County Democratic Committee, in the same year that he was appointed police court magistrate (1917). It was not long thereafter that he was appointed chairman of the local draft board, in which connection he labored ceaselessly for the best interests of all concerned. Mr. Sullivan is a prominent member of the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His religious affiliation is with St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, and he is active in the work of the Holy Name Society.

Mr. Sullivan married, in Jersey City, in November, 1901, Mary G. Hallanan, who was born in Jersey City, and is a daughter of the late Thomas and Ann (Kinsella) Hallanan. Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan have three children: John, born in November, 1902; Catherine, born in September, 1903; and Leo, born in January, 1905.

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### GAINSWAY, Frederic Joseph,

**Editor.**

In the closest touch with the movement of affairs in Jersey City, from the insignificant daily incident to the event of great import, Frederic Joseph Gainsway has his hand on the pulse of progress as city editor of the Jersey "Journal." The wide circulation of this sheet and its standing

in the newspaper world form a just appraisal of the significance of Mr. Gainsway's position. His experience from school days has been in journalism and he is now one of the best known figures in this field of endeavor in the metropolitan district. He is a son of Joseph F. and Mary Elizabeth (Smith) Gainsway, his father a funeral director of Utica, New York.

Frederic Joseph Gainsway was born at Utica, New York, April 30, 1883. His education was acquired at Utica Free Academy, from which he was graduated in June, 1903. Immediately thereafter Mr. Gainsway joined the reportorial staff of the Utica "Daily Press," where he was active for about two years, then coming to New Jersey, he became associated with the Bayonne "Times" and two years later, in 1907, he entered the office of the Jersey "Journal." The following year he was made assistant city editor of the "Journal" and served in that capacity until December, 1921, when he became city editor of this important newspaper. Mr. Gainsway is an alert progressive young man, quick to see the human touch in any phase of the day's news and a young man who clings to the highest ideals in journalism and reveals in his activity the continual effort of the sincere worker in this field toward social and civic advance. Mr. Gainsway is well known in military circles, having served as a member of Company B, 1st Regiment, National Guard of the State of New York, at Utica, during 1903 and 1904, and later in New Jersey as second lieutenant of Company H, 4th Regiment, National Guard of New Jersey, during 1907-1909. He has few other interests outside of his work, but is a member of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Bergen district of Jersey City.

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Mr. Gainsway married, on March 22, 1911, in Jersey City, Mabel Lillian Butler, daughter of Edward and Sarah (Shaw) Butler, and they reside at No. 70 Tonnele avenue.

**McDOWELL, Robert B., D. C.,**

**Chiropractor.**

In one of the most recently developed branches of healing Mr. McDowell, of Jersey City, has taken up his professional activities, with offices at No. 451 Bergen avenue, after receiving his degree from one of the foremost institutions of this branch in the East. He is also interested in the commercial world of Jersey City, as treasurer of the Lanning Automobile Company, of Jersey City, leaders in this field of endeavor. Dr. McDowell is a son of James P. and Julia Ann (Moss) McDowell, and a member of a family many years in this country, originally from Scotland.

Robert B. McDowell was born at Nashville, Tennessee, March 31, 1894. The family coming East in his childhood and settling in Jersey City, it was in the schools of this city that he received his early education, attending old Public School No. 24. Upon the completion of the grammar course he entered the business world, securing a position in a butcher shop. Later he became identified with the work of the Young Men's Christian Association, in the capacity of assistant secretary, and labored for a time at the Army and Navy "Y" at Newport, Rhode Island. In 1916 he went to the Mexican border with the mobilization of the forces in that section, and was active there in "Y" work during the period of that disturbance. In 1917 Dr. McDowell enlisted in the United States army for service in the World War, and was stationed at the

Plattsburg (New York) Training Camp. Commissioned second lieutenant of infantry, he went overseas, landing January 30, 1918, with the 102nd Division, American Expeditionary Forces. Mr. McDowell participated in the battle of Seichprey, on April 21, 1918, was captured, and was held prisoner for eight and one-half months, during the greater part of the time at Villingen, Germany, then was returned to the United States, and received his honorable discharge from the service. On returning to civilian life he entered the automobile business, and in January, 1920, became a corporator of the Lanning Automobile Company, of Jersey City. This concern established their business at No. 210 Fairmount avenue, Jersey City, but the rapid growth of the interest making larger quarters an imperative necessity, they removed to their present location at Bates and Colden streets. They specialize in Ford cars, having an unrestricted territory, and also have a very complete and up-to-date service station. The officers of the concern are: Mahlon H. Lanning, president; Chester M. Lanning, secretary, and Robert B. McDowell, treasurer.

During the various business activities in which he has been engaged Dr. McDowell has given much time to study along various lines preparatory for the professional course which was his purpose for years. Eventually entering the Eastern College of Chiropractic, at Newark, New Jersey, he graduated from that institution on November 8, 1922. Shortly afterward opening an office on Bergen avenue, he has made an auspicious beginning in his chosen profession and is counted among the promising young men of the day in this field. Dr. McDowell is well known fraternally, being a member of West Side Council, No. 142, (Junior) Or-

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der of United American Mechanics; and Bergen Lodge, No. 47, Free and Accepted Masons. His religious affiliation is with the Emory Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is a leading worker, serving as a member of the official board.

Dr. McDowell married, on December 31, 1917, Hazel M. Mahnken, of Jersey City, and they have two children: Mildred Louise, and Robert James. The family residence is at No. 150 Claremont avenue, Jersey City.

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### **COLLINS, Gilbert,**

**Lawyer, Jurist.**

The family from which Judge Collins came was founded in Connecticut, the family coming from England to Massachusetts, thence to Connecticut prior to 1710. In Connecticut, the family resided in New London and in Stonington, a descendant, Daniel Collins, serving as a first lieutenant of the 1st Regiment of the Connecticut line. Lieutenant Daniel was the father of Gilbert Collins, prominent farmer and member of the Connecticut Legislature, who in turn was the father of Daniel Prentice Collins, and grandfather of Judge Gilbert Collins of this review. The family were farmers for many generations, but Daniel P. Collins abandoned the farm and became a manufacturer and had an extensive business in Stonington, Connecticut. He died in 1862, leaving but a slender estate.

Gilbert Collins, son of Daniel Prentice and Sarah R. Collins, was born in the borough of Stonington, New London county, Connecticut, August 26, 1846, died in Jersey City, New Jersey, January 29, 1920. In 1863 the widowed mother with her children moved to Jersey City and there the lad, Gilbert, studied law with Jonathan Dixon, giving up the

coveted course at Yale upon which he had already begun when his father died. In 1869 he was admitted to the bar of New Jersey and so deeply had he impressed his preceptor with his abilities that Judge Dixon at once offered him a partnership which was accepted. Dixon & Collins practiced as a firm until 1875, when the senior partner was elevated to the bench. Gilbert Collins then formed a partnership with Charles L. Corbin, under the firm name of Collins & Corbin, a brother, William H. Corbin, entering the firm a few years later. The Corbins were sound lawyers and business men and the firm ranked high at the New Jersey bar. In 1897 Mr. Collins was appointed a justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey and sat thereon until resigning in 1903 and returning to private practice. The firm of Collins & Corbin which had dissolved when Mr. Collins ascended the bench, was revived with the same members, and with some changes in personnel continued until the death of Gilbert Collins in 1920.

Judge Collins had lived a life of varied richness and had touched life at many points and always fruitfully. He brought to the performance of every duty a resourceful and profound intelligence. He took a keen interest in public affairs and overlooked no duty of citizenship. In 1884 he was the candidate of the Republican party and the Citizen's Association for the office of mayor. Jersey City rarely elects a Republican mayor, but made an exception of Judge Collins and gave him a pronounced majority. He gave the city a good administration and stood as the champion of the peoples' rights in all city controversies and retired from office with the esteem of even his political opponents. He was a delegate to the National Republican Convention that renominated Benjamin Harrison in 1892, and was





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presidential elector on the Republican ticket in New Jersey. He was also at different times the candidate of his party for State senator and congressman, but the Democratic majority in Hudson was prohibitive and he was never successful. He would not allow his name to be used for governor, although his abilities were so conspicuous that he was importuned to make the race.

As a jurist Mr. Collins displayed a fine dignity and was an ideal judge, his judicial temperament and legal learning, with his quick alert mind, and his wide experience as a practitioner making his equipment perfect. His judicial opinions are models of clearness, brevity and precision, all bearing the peculiar imprint of his mind, clear concise applications of legal principles to the facts and not essays on the law. At the bar Judge Collins was the idol of the young and the despair of the old members. The scope of his work was tremendous, yet his clear grasp of the facts in each case and of the law applicable thereto, was as accurate as if he had only one case to try and infinite time for its preparation. His practice was very large and a catalogue of the cases in which he was engaged during his years of practice would read like an index to the law reports of the State. His skill as a trial lawyer and his soundness as counsel were proverbial and the bar lost one of its brightest ornaments with his passing.

Gilbert Collins married, in 1870, Harriet Kingsbury Bush, who died May 15, 1917, daughter of John O. Bush. They were the parents of six children: Walter, died November 11, 1900, aged twenty-eight years, a lawyer of marked ability and great promise; Blanche and Marjorie, residents of Jersey City; and three who died in infancy. Such a brief career of a

man of extraordinary capacity and personality. In his home he was a constant spring of life and joy and the record he left is one of faithfulness and his memory will long endure.

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**WERNER, William,**

**Business Man.**

Throughout the entire period of his active career William Werner, treasurer of the William Werner Company, Inc., has been associated with the business of making and selling awning and window shades, and for the past thirty-one years he has been identified with the concern he founded in 1892. The establishment is now located at Nos. 63 and 65 Irving street, in Jersey City.

Christian Werner, father of Mr. Werner, was born in Bayern, Germany, and came to this country in young manhood. He settled in Jersey City, where he was a member of the police force for seventeen years and finally was promoted to the position of captain of police, which rank he held when he retired. He died in Jersey City at the age of fifty-eight years. He and his wife, Margaret Fagarty, a native of Tipperary, Ireland, who died in Jersey City, at the age of sixty-two, were the parents of ten children, of whom five survive: Julia; John; William, of further mention; Valentine and Charles.

William Werner, son of Christian and Margaret (Fagarty) Werner, was born in Jersey City, July 1, 1865, and received his education in the public schools of his native city, attending Grammar School No. 10 and then Grammar School No. 7, from which he was graduated in 1881. After graduation he found employment with a concern in New York City which was engaged in the manufacture and sale of awnings and window-shades, and during the



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half century which has passed since that time he has been continuously identified with that line of business activity. Thirty-one years ago, in 1892, he decided to engage in business for himself in Jersey City and opened an establishment at No. 579 Central avenue. His nineteen years of experience in the shade and awning business had thoroughly prepared him for a successful venture of his own, and by 1915 the enterprise had developed to proportions which made incorporation advisable. Under the corporate name W. Werner Company, the business which is now located at Nos. 63 and 65 Irving street is still growing, and the present personnel is as follows: Al. Graf, president; W. Werner, treasurer; and W. Weimer, secretary; other members of the firm are: S. Schamberg, J. Lutz and J. Firman. Besides awnings and window shades, the corporation makes flags, tents and banners, furnishes canopies for weddings and receptions, and takes down, repairs, and rehanges awnings. They use John Boyle & Company's awning cloth exclusively, thus guaranteeing standard quality, and galvanized frames, and guarantee excellent workmanship and proper fit. Their steadily increasing patronage is drawn from Jersey City and vicinity, and includes many of the foremost citizens of the community. Successful as he has been in his business pursuits, these do not absorb all of Mr. Werner's time. He is an accomplished musician, plays many instruments, and is interested in all the musical activities of his neighborhood. He is an enthusiastic baseball "fan" and bowler and finds healthful outdoor recreation in hunting. He is a member of the Lions Club.

William Werner married, at Union Hill, New Jersey, October 29, 1890, Theresa Naas, who was born in North Bergen,

daughter of Raymond and Madeline Naas, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Werner reside in Summit, New Jersey. They have no children.

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### KELLY, Rev. Edward Alphonsus,

Priest.

For thirty-six years Father Edward Alphonsus Kelly has been rendering notable service in various parishes, but since 1913 he has performed almost the impossible for St. Patrick's parish in Newark, where in five years he cleared a debt of \$131,000, and made the parish one of the finest in the diocese of Newark.

Born in New York City, January 22, 1863, Father Kelly is a son of James and Margaret (Crinnion) Kelly, both natives of Ireland, who in 1852 came to this country, where the father engaged in business as an importer of rare books and other publications. Father Kelly attended St. John's Parochial School, Orange, New Jersey, and after completing a business course in St. Benedict's College, Newark, New Jersey, entered St. Charles' College, Ellicott City, Maryland. Later he transferred to Seton Hall College, South Orange, New Jersey, from which he was graduated in 1881. He then began the study of philosophy and theology in the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, South Orange, New Jersey, where he was ordained a priest, May 30, 1885. Immediately after graduation he was appointed assistant at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Paterson, New Jersey, where he acquired valuable experience and demonstrated his ability. His next field of service was as assistant at St. Lucy's, Jersey City, and from there he was transferred to St. Bridget's Church, Jersey City, where he served as administrator for two years. At the end of that time he was made as-



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sistant at St. John's Church, and four years later was appointed to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Ridgewood, New Jersey. After four years of able service in that church he served for four years as pastor of St. Agnes' Church, Paterson, New Jersey, and for four more years as pastor of the Church of St. Lucy's, Jersey City. He then came to St. Patrick's Church, Jersey City, and since that time has performed a very great work in that parish. The parish was a weak and struggling one, staggering under a debt of \$131,000. Father Kelly set to work with courage and enthusiasm and in five years he cleared the entire debt and began to make improvements upon the buildings. He raised the parish from a small struggling one to one of the finest in the diocese and is still performing notable service there. He is enthusiastically interested in civics, and is unceasing in his efforts to inculcate in his people civic responsibility.

His work is not confined to the limits of his parish. As spiritual director of the National Catholic Conference, with headquarters at Washington, D. C., he is performing notable service. He is also a director of the Local Council of St. Patrick's, an organization which now has a membership of more than 600. Few priests in the diocese have behind them the accomplishment of so large a piece of work in so short a time as has Father Kelly, and he stands high in the esteem both of his parishioners and of the people of the community-in-general.

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### **MURPHY, Joseph M.,**

**Realtor, Insurance Operator.**

Joseph M. Murphy has for many years borne a worthy and constructive part in the general advance of Hudson county, New Jersey, as one of the foremost real

estate and insurance brokers of Woodcliff. An able executive broadly familiar with business affairs and possessing wide experience gained in a career of varied interests, Mr. Murphy has brought to bear upon his activities in the present connection the force of a thoroughly logical and discriminating mentality and his part in present day advance contributes in no slight degree to the general welfare.

Mr. Murphy's family has for three generations been active in this country in the industries and in commercial advance and he is a son of Michael J. Murphy, who served as commissary sergeant in the Mechanics Corps, in the Civil War, under the command of General Sherman. He suffered three wounds in the service, but survived to live out a long and useful life as blacksmith and wheelwright. Michael J. Murphy married Ann Goodwin.

Joseph M. Murphy was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, August 29, 1879. His education was begun in the local public schools and he later attended St. James' College, in Brooklyn, New York. First engaged in mercantile pursuits in Jersey City, Mr. Murphy later became identified with the A. J. Ellis Company, of Shadyside, manufacturers of fireproof doors, and was active in that connection for some years. He later formed an affiliation with J. F. Blanchard, of Long Island City, in the same general line of activity. His efficiency and initiative came to the attention of the J. F. McFarland Company and they induced him to take over the duties of traveling construction engineer in their interests. In this connection Mr. Murphy was foreman during the construction of the New York Central Depot, in New York City, a labor which absorbed a period of nine months. With this breadth of experience and familiarity with general construction work along the line of fire

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protection Mr. Murphy is particularly well fitted to meet the exactions of the fire insurance business and he has now for some years been engaged along this line at No. 635 Twenty-third street, North Bergen, New Jersey. He represents the oldest and most reliable fire insurance companies, also handles a general line of life, accident and property protection. For many years Mr. Murphy has been more or less active individually in real estate operations and development and upon engaging in the life insurance business he took up also the allied field of real estate as both operator and broker and is bearing a broadly noteworthy part in real estate development and brokerage at the present time. He also handles surety bonds, manages estates, negotiates mortgages and handles rents and collections. He makes a speciality of securing factory sites for all industries and has done much in the forwarding of industrial advance thereby. Mr. Murphy is a man of the people and has for many years been a worker for the people's interest in various lines of effort. He has always encouraged union labor and is still a member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, with which he has been connected for twenty-three years. He is a Democrat by political affiliation and treasurer of the Democratic Club of North Bergen, although beyond his loyal support of the principles of the party he has never taken a leading part in political affairs. Fraternally he is affiliated with Barrett Council, No. 1273, Knights of Columbus; also Union Hill Lodge, No. 1357, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, of the Palisades.

Mr. Murphy married, at New York City, October 6, 1901, Marie Gangloff, daughter of Michael and Mary Gangloff. Mr.

and Mrs. Murphy are the parents of ten children, four having died in infancy. Those now living are: Josephine, Constance, Regina, Bennett, Eileen and Robert.

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### HOSINGER, George Nicholas, Business Man.

George Nicholas Hosinger, president of the Paramount Pen Company, Inc., of Jersey City, is well known both as an able and successful business man and as a man of sterling qualities of character. Though a native of Jersey City, he is of Belgian parentage.

Nicholas Hosinger, father of George N. Hosinger, was born in Belgium and came to New York City as a boy. Soon after his arrival he removed to Jersey City where he was one of the old settlers "back of the hill," and where for many years he was in the employ of the George Borgfeldt Company. He died aged sixty-two years. His wife, Caroline (King) Hosinger, a native of Germany, died in Jersey City, at the age of forty-two years. They were the parents of five children: Frank, who died in Brooklyn, New York, aged forty-nine years; Anna, widow of Charles Herbst; Charles; George Nicholas, of further mention; and Edward.

George Nicholas Hosinger, son of Nicholas and Caroline (King) Hosinger, was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, January 4, 1876, and received a good practical education in the public schools of that city, graduating from Grammar School No. 7 in 1889. Upon the completion of his school training he found his first employment in a butcher store, where he continued about a year and a half. He has been in the pen business over thirty years. In 1917 he engaged in business for himself, under the name of the Para-







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mount Pen Company, and in 1921 the concern incorporated under the same name with George Nicholas Hosinger as president; Lawrence J. Farrell as vice-president; and Charles Morley as secretary. Mr. Hosinger is fond of gunning. His fraternal affiliation is with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and with the Royal Arcanum, and his religious connection is with St. Michael's Church.

George Nicholas Hosinger married, on January 11, 1904, at Jersey City Heights, Marcella E. Vidulich, who was born at Jersey City Heights, daughter of Matthew and Rachel Vidulich, the former of whom is deceased, and the latter of whom resides with Mr. and Mrs. Hosinger. George Nicholas and Marcella E. (Vidulich) Hosinger are the parents of three children: Bertram George, Emma, and Helen.

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### KOVEN, Ludolph Oscar,

#### **Business Man.**

The man who founds a successful enterprise makes his community a contribution which continues to live and grow long after he has left the scene of his labors. If in addition to the fruits of his business activity he has also given to his world the personal influence of integrity of character, intelligent citizenship and scholarly interests, then his contribution is one the value of which cannot be estimated. One of the citizens of Jersey City, New Jersey, who has just completed his life work is the late Ludolph Oscar Koven, whose passing on May 17, 1923, caused the deepest grief to his many personal friends and associates and left a vacancy which only time can fill. Not only in the business enterprise which he founded and developed, but in the impress which his character has made upon those

with whom he was associated, as well as in the hearts of those of his family who survive him, however, Ludolph Oscar Koven still lives.

Born in New York City, October 2, 1860, Mr. Koven was a son of William, a native of Brunswick, Germany, who came to this country during his early manhood and engaged in the bookbinding business in New York City, and of Antoinette (Althof) Koven, who was also a native of Germany, born at Werden, both of whom are deceased. He received his formal school training in Public School No. 3, which later became Public School No. 8, in Jersey City, and in private schools in California, but it is true that his education, self-directed, continued throughout the entire period of his life. Always open-minded and a seeker for truth as well as for knowledge, he never stopped growing, either intellectually or morally, and that fact is one of the vital characteristics of both his business career and his personal life. He was two years of age when his parents removed to Jersey City, and while still but a lad he was engaged in the bookbinding business. He followed this trade in New York, and later in San Francisco, California. Before he was twenty-one years of age he returned to Jersey City, where in association with Theodore Hepe, he engaged in the manufacture of range boilers. The enterprise was notably successful, but in 1897 Mr. Koven dissolved his partnership with Mr. Hepe and engaged in the same line of manufacturing activity in association with his brother, Gustave, under the firm name of L. O. Koven & Brother. Soon after the new firm was formed the brothers began to expand the business by including new and special lines of work, and that policy of expansion has been continued throughout the years which have since passed until,



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at the present time (1923) the firm of L. O. Koven & Brother is known throughout the entire United States. The plant is located in Jersey City, and the Koven name stamped on its product is a guarantee of high quality. In addition to his responsibilities as founder and chief executive of the firm of L. O. Koven & Brother, Mr. Koven was also treasurer of the Hoboken Bank for Savings, and president of the International Overseas Corporation. He also found time for other business and social affiliations, being a member of the Manufacturers' and Dealers' Protective Association, of New York City; the Eastern Supply Association, of New York City; The Jersey City Chamber of Commerce; The Young Men's Christian Association, of Jersey City; and the Hoboken Chamber of Commerce, which he served as president.

Politically he was a firm supporter of the Republican party. His religious connection was with St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, of Hoboken, which he most efficiently served as president of the church board, and as one of the trustees of the endowment fund of the church. He was also president of the Men's Club, in which capacity his personal integrity of character and his strong personality exerted an influence that was deep and strong. That influence will continue to be a vital force in the lives of many to whom he has been a source of inspiration and strength. To the group of men with whom he was thus associated his passing represents a distinct loss and leaves a vacancy which it will be difficult to fill. Always interested in general history and in current events of the country and the world, a man of wide and successful business experience, and possessed of moral energy and high ideals, he gave to the Men's Club a leadership which was strong and virile and

at the same time informal and most friendly. Among his business associates, his many personal friends, and those associated with him in various other connections, his memory will continue to be held in high esteem.

Ludolph Oscar Koven married, on October 2, 1893, at Jersey City, New Jersey, Marie E. Pauli, who was born in Hoboken, New Jersey, daughter of Gustavus A., who served in the Civil War, as captain of Company B, 1st German Rifle Regiment, under General Bleeker, and because of wounds received in the battle of Cross Keys was later given a position in the United States Treasury Department, and of Charlotte (Mayer) Pauli, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Koven became the parents of four children: Antoinette, who died November 17, 1895; Elizabeth N., who married Otto E. Raetger; Ludolph Oscar, who married Louise Hubner; and Wilhelm Pauli.

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### NOLAN, Hon. James,

#### **Real Estate and Insurance Operator.**

A figure which would command attention in any gathering is James Nolan, of North Bergen, New Jersey, who rather than being sensitive about his splendid stature, takes pride in the fact that he is a member of a family of brothers and sisters who are all of noble physical proportions. Through his activities in the business world and in the public life of Hudson county, James Nolan has demonstrated that in mentality and in spirit he is no less noteworthy than in physique. Mr. Nolan is a son of Philip and Mary (Lyons) Nolan, and his father, who is now deceased, was janitor of Public School No. 3, North Bergen, New Jersey, for many years. These parents lived to feel honor in the possession of a family





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of ten children, each standing more than six feet in height and the weight of the group of ten children aggregating one ton. Two of the sons are active as railway engineers, except James, who was however connected with railway activities as a telegrapher for a number of years.

James Nolan was born in Annandale, Hunterdon county, New Jersey, June 25, 1874. The family removing to North Bergen in his boyhood, his education was begun in the public schools of this community. As a young man he learned telegraphy and it was about this time that an interesting incident occurred, which the canny Philip Nolan was fond of recounting among his friends and acquaintances. When only fourteen years of age James Nolan weighed fully three hundred and forty-eight pounds and some months prior to that his father devised, for economic reasons, a method of providing for the boy's needs in the way of clothing at minimum expense. The story is told in a newspaper of this section some years thereafter as follows: "The old man has more than his share of Irish wit. One day he happened in a clothing store on Bergenline avenue, Union Hill. He asked the merchant what he would charge for a suit of clothes for his 'boy,' fourteen years old. The clothier named his price; a bargain was struck; Nolan paid the money, receiving a receipt and a contract.

"He went for his 'boy' and brought him to the clothing store. The son entered the store first, the father walking behind him. From the opposite direction Nolan senior was invisible. When the proprietor was reached the old man stepped to one side where he could be seen, at the same time saying to the storekeeper: 'This is my boy that I bought the suit of clothes for.'

The clothier looked in amazement, gave a gasp and almost collapsed. Before him stood a fourteen-year-old boy, a giant in stature, but with the boyish face that did not belie his age. The merchant saw that he had made a most disastrous contract and there was nothing else left for him to do, but to make a suit to order which meant a cost to him about four times the amount he had contracted to sell the suit for."

James Nolan was active as a telegrapher in the employ of the West Shore railroad for three years and a half, then was with the Manhattan railroad, of New York City, for twelve years. In 1905 Mr. Nolan resigned from the latter position and definitely turned his back on railroading. He then became identified with the Peerless Rubber Manufacturing Company as chief detective and continued in this connection until 1910, when in February of that year he was appointed chief of police of North Bergen. At the same time he entered the real estate and insurance business in North Bergen. His first office was at No. 826 North street and he was active in that location until 1911. He then built his present headquarters at No. 940 Hackensack Plank road, in North Bergen, and here he still continues, doing a very extensive and always ever increasing business along general lines of real estate and insurance activity. Mr. Nolan is also a qualified appraiser and realtor. He is otherwise identified with the commercial and financial world as a stockholder in the Merchants & Manufacturers Trust Company, of Union Hill, New Jersey.

In public affairs Mr. Nolan has for many years been a prominent figure, supporting the Democratic party and becoming a leader in its activities. In 1903 he was elected a member of the Township Committee of North Bergen, in which



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office he served continuously for seven years. At the time of his election it was universally known that he was not an office seeker and indeed begged his friends to release him from the responsibilities of official service. His popularity as a man and his sterling integrity were however, factors needed in the public life of the community and he filled the office with great credit both to himself and to his constituents. It was conceded by his opponents that he was the best man for the position and the local newspaper commended him highly as "one of the most exemplary young men of the township." Mr. Nolan was later, in February, 1910, appointed chief of police of North Bergen and in this office he did much for the prosperity and well-being of the community. At about the same time he was appointed a freeholder, to succeed William O. Hare, whose death had left a vacancy on the board. Serving for ten months in this connection Mr. Nolan, in the fall of 1910, was elected tax assessor and took up the duties of that position which he filled until 1917. He was then elected to the highest local office in the gift of the people, that of mayor of North Bergen, and his subsequent re-election retained him in that office for four years. His fulfillment of the duties and responsibilities of mayor revealed his ability as an administrator of public affairs and he instituted many reforms which have been to the permanent advantage of the people. His term of office covering as it did the period of the World War, he did much for the many home activities of the time, also served as chairman of Draft Board No. 2 of Hudson county. Mr. Nolan is a member of the Hudson County Real Estate Board, the New Jersey and National Real Estate Boards, and is considered an

authority on many phases of real estate advance. Fraternally he was affiliated with Hoboken Lodge, No. 74, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, but was later demitted from that body to Union Hill Lodge, No. 1357, of which he is now a leading member. He is a member of Palisade Council and Monsignor Chapter, Knights of Columbus; and also of Division No. 45, Ancient Order of Hibernians. His clubs are the Carteret, of Jersey City; and the Rotary, of Weehawken; and he is a member of St. Bridget's Roman Catholic Church, of North Bergen.

Mr. Nolan married, at North Bergen, July 20, 1910, Cristine (Bergman) Smith, daughter of Rudolph and Johanna Louise Bergman.

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### BRANNAGAN, Francis Walter,

Lawyer.

A promising figure in the legal profession in Hudson county is Francis Walter Brannagan, whose career was deferred by his service in the various activities of the World War. Mr. Brannagan is a progressive and forward-looking young man, an able speaker and gifted with keen mentality, these qualifications fitting him well for the exactions and responsibilities of his chosen profession. He is a son of the late Andrew Brannagan, who was born in Ireland and came to America with his parents at the age of two weeks, the family settling at once in the lower part of Jersey City. He became a prominent man in public life and was well known in the business world as county searcher for the New Jersey Title Guarantee and Trust Company. He died in Jersey City, October 20, 1916. He married Catherine E. Flanery, and they were the parents of eleven children, of whom four are living: Andrew J.; Margaret, wife of Joseph



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Irving; Martha, wife of David T. Daly; and Francis W., of further mention.

Francis Walter Brannagan was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, May 18, 1892. His education was begun in the public schools of the city and he was graduated from Public School No. 15, in the class of 1908. His preparatory course was covered at the Holy Cross Preparatory School, from which he was graduated in 1912, thereafter entering Holy Cross College, and was graduated with the class of 1916. He was still serving a clerkship when he enlisted in the United States navy in 1917, as apprentice seaman, and was assigned to the United States Naval Training Station, at Newport, Rhode Island, where he served for a year and a half. He was discharged with the rank of seaman on February 1, 1919, then entered the employ of the Federal Ship Building Company, of Kearney, New Jersey, where he continued until September, 1921. Admitted to the bar of New Jersey in 1922, Mr. Brannagan took up the practice of his chosen profession in association with Treacy & Milton, at No. 1 Exchange place. Mr. Brannagan has already gained a foothold in the profession and is counted among those young men of the day whose activities are carrying them rapidly toward large definite usefulness. He has few interests outside his professional work, except the relaxation of outdoor sports. He plays baseball and tennis, also football and basketball, and when at Holy Cross College was a member of the track team. He is identified with St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Brannagan married, in New York City, on May 8, 1918, Madeline Van Voorhis, who was born in Jersey City, and is a daughter of Howard and Mary (Mulen) Van Voorhis.

**WHYTE, James A.,**

**Business Man.**

A representative business man of Hoboken, New Jersey, who typifies the high type of American citizen, James A. Whyte is also one of the successful men engaged in insurance lines in Hudson county. He was born June 4, 1882, in Jersey City, New Jersey, son of Thomas and Susan Whyte. The former was a native of Glasgow and the latter of London. During his active business life the elder Mr. Whyte was a lithographer. Mr. Whyte attended the public schools of Jersey City and in 1902 embarked upon his business career; he was subsequently employed in various insurance organizations and with the same ambition which has characterized his whole career, he mastered each detail of the business. In 1914 an opportunity came to engage in this line of business on his own account which Mr. Whyte was quick to grasp and which as a matter of fact he had been working upward to this goal for several years.

Mr. Whyte is now the representative of the following companies: the Hanover Fire Insurance Company; Franklin Fire Insurance Company; Rhode Island Insurance Company; Camden Fire Insurance Company; and the Hartford Accident Insurance Company. His political views are those of an Independent, and fraternally he is a member of the Masons, and the Elks. He is also a member of the Masonic Club.

Mr. Whyte married, in Jersey City, September 23, 1908, Susie Brand, born in New York City, daughter of Fred and Susan Brand, and they are the parents of a daughter, Gladys Emma, born in West Hoboken, February 1, 1910. Mr. Whyte and his family attend and aid in the support of the Reformed church.

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**MADDEN, (Sister) Mary Clarissa,**  
**Superioress of the Academy of the Sacred Heart.**

The Academy of the Sacred Heart, the second of the academies conducted by the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth, was founded in 1875 by Sister Mary Clarissa Madden, a woman of estimable qualities and eminent virtues, a living example of all that was great and noble, and who has left to the city of Hoboken a monument—the Academy of the Sacred Heart. Sister Mary Clarissa Madden was transferred to the Mother House, at Convent Station, in 1878 and was succeeded by Sister Clara Agnes James, who after a period of five years was succeeded by Sister Teresa Vincent. Sister Geraldine Shevlin, who was in charge of the academy for twenty-one years, succeeded Sister Teresa Vincent, and was transferred to Convent Station, having been elected assistant mother at Convent Mother House.

Sister Mary Grace Convery was appointed in 1912 as superioress of the academy, at whose death, in 1918, the superiorship was entrusted to Sister Agnes Buchmans Mulry. Sister Mary Blanche was next in charge for a period of three years. Sister Mary Clarissa Flanagan was appointed, in January, 1923, superioress of the academy. The academy, though mainly a day school, has a limited number of boarders. The curriculum is of high excellence; the students are prepared for Normal school and college. Many of the graduates hold to-day prominent positions in the city of Hoboken and are everywhere recognized as women of culture and refinement. The Alumnae Association is in a flourishing condition and on every occasion its members prove most loyal to their *alma mater*. The alumnae members number about 200 and are

prominent in the International Federation Catholic Alumnae and the National Council Catholic Women.

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**ARMSTRONG, Thomas R.,**  
**Lawyer.**

When Mr. Armstrong came to graduation at New York Law School with high honors, it meant a great deal more than the fact that he had accomplished a given course of study which entitled him to an LL. B. His father, a veteran of the Civil War, died when his son was thirteen years of age and the obtaining of a professional education had to be financed through his own efforts, so while in preparatory school and college he worked as clerk and this paid his way. Since admission to the New Jersey Bar in 1905, he has practiced his profession in the Hudson county courts and in the State and Federal courts of the district, his office now at No. 75 Montgomery street, Jersey City. He is well established in public confidence, has gained a satisfactory clientele and is held in high regard by his contemporaries of the bar. He is a son of Thomas J. Armstrong, a veteran of the Civil War, serving with the rank of sergeant in Company J, 93rd Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, and later in the 34th New Jersey. He was wounded in action at Mobile, Alabama, and never fully recovered from his wound, his death, on October 4, 1896, resulting therefrom. He was a resident of Jersey City and a commander of Henry Wilson Post, Grand Army of the Republic.

Thomas R. Armstrong was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, March 19, 1883, son of Thomas J. and Frances J. (King) Armstrong, his father a furniture dealer of Jersey City until his death. The son, Thomas R. Armstrong, was educated in







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Jersey City Catholic Institute, Public School No. 2, Jersey City High School, Dwight Academy (New York), and New York Law School, whence he was graduated LL.B. with high honors, class of 1905. After a supplementary course of reading under J. S. McMasters, of the Jersey City bar, Mr. Armstrong was admitted to the New Jersey bar as an attorney at the November term of 1905, and as a counsellor, in 1908. He began practice in Jersey City in 1905 and there continues a general practitioner. He was appointed a United States pension attorney and has been admitted to practice in all State and Federal courts. He is a director of the Carteret Building and Loan Association and a member of the Hudson County Bar Association. He is a Democrat in politics and in 1912-14 was secretary to James F. O'Mealia, county freeholder, whom he later ardently supported in his campaign for mayor of Jersey City. During the period of war with Germany, 1917-18, he was connected with the government secret or espionage service, looking up suspicious persons and similar work. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Jersey City lodge.

Mr. Armstrong married, at West New York, New Jersey, Blanche M., daughter of Thomas F. Brady, her father a retired wholesale grocer.

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### **SLEIGH, George Baird,**

**Lawyer.**

One of Hudson county's youngest members of the legal profession is George Baird Sleigh who was admitted to practice as an attorney in the State of New York in 1919, and in New Jersey in February, 1921. His offices are located in the

Trust Company of New Jersey building, Room 610.

Mr. Sleigh is of Scotch parentage, his father, Robert Baird Sleigh, being a native of Edinburgh, Scotland. Robert Baird Sleigh, born May 12, 1846, was reared and educated in his native land, but when he reached young manhood he came to this country alone and located first in Philadelphia. More than thirty-five years ago he removed to Jersey City, New Jersey, where he was engaged in business as a civil engineer and where he died, May 14, 1920. He married Cecelia List Welsh, a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, who is now residing in Jersey City, and they became the parents of one son, George Baird, of further mention.

George Baird Sleigh, only son of Robert Baird and Cecelia List (Welsh) Sleigh, was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, December 4, 1897. He received his earliest education in the local public schools, and from Grammar School No. 24 entered the Jersey City High School from which he was graduated in 1911. The following fall he became a student in the Dickinson High School from which he was graduated in 1915. He was then ready to begin his professional studies and at once matriculated in the Law School of New York University where he completed his course with graduation in June, 1918. In 1919 he was admitted to the bar of the State of New Jersey and at once began practice as an attorney, continuing his studies and reading, however, in connection with his practical experience, and in 1921, at the February term, he was admitted to the bar of the State of New Jersey, as an attorney. During the past four years he has been laying the foundation for what promises to be a notably successful and useful pro-



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fessional career. His offices are located at Room No. 610 in the building of the Trust Company of New Jersey, Jersey City, and though he has been engaged in practice for so short a time, still he is already building up a clientele which is most promising. Like very many of the young men of the country who are laying the foundations for their professional careers, Mr. Sleigh found the latter period of his preparation somewhat interrupted by the entrance of the United States into the World War. He enlisted in June, 1918, and was stationed at the College of the City of New York for a time but later was sent to Camp Wheeler, as a member of the 110th Field Signal Battalion, detached, in which organization he was advanced to the rank of sergeant. He received his honorable discharge in December, 1918. Mr. Sleigh is a member of Jersey City Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. During his college days he was devoted to tennis and other athletic sports, and has retained his interest in tennis which he plays vigorously and skillfully, both for recreation and for his physical betterment. He is a member of the Bergen Tennis Club and is popular among a large group of young people to whom, however, he can give only a limited portion of his time. His religious affiliation is with St. John's Episcopal Church, of Jersey City.

On April 12, 1923, in Jersey City, New Jersey, George Baird Sleigh married Ella Stewart, daughter of George Anthony and Mary (Meagher) Stewart, both of whom are now living in Jersey City.

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### SCHILLER, Albert S.,

**Realtor, Insurance Operator.**

Until illness prevented Mr. Schiller from continuing active management of his

real estate and insurance affairs ten years ago, he was known as an aggressive business man in Hoboken, New Jersey. He has also held political office and is active in fraternal organizations. He is a son of Saul and Theresa (Solomon) Schiller, the former of whom died in his eighty-ninth year and the latter lived to be ninety-four years of age.

Albert S. Schiller was born in Germany and educated in the public schools and a college in Germany. After completing his education he became associated in the real estate and insurance business established by Gustav Hauser, who sold it to his partner, Herman Heyman, in 1878, father-in-law of Mr. Schiller. One year prior to Mr. Heyman's death, in 1903, the business was turned over to Mr. Schiller. He continued it until ill health forced him to relinquish all active participation and Mrs. Schiller became the manager. She acquired a large business experience from having been engaged in business affairs since her school days and that has enabled her to win success in this new venture.

Mr. Schiller was very actively interested in politics, and as a Democrat has served as acting recorder in Hoboken at various times. In fraternal orders he is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, having served as chairman of the investing committee; formerly a member of the Foresters; a master Mason, Free and Accepted Masons; and at one time was a member of the United Aid Society, of which Mrs. Schiller is recording secretary. He was also a member of the Red Cross. Mrs. Schiller was president of the Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society, presiding officer of the Eastern Star of the Masons, and an officer in the Amaranth, an organization in that order of older members. Mr. Schiller was secretary and president of the Congregation







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of Adas Emuno, which means congregation of faith.

Mr. Schiller was united in marriage, at Hoboken, on November 17, 1889, with Bella Heyman, daughter of Herman and Sarah (Berla) Heyman. The mother is living, aged one-hundred and one years, but the father's death occurred in 1904. The two daughters born to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Schiller are: Miriam M., wife of N. Cooper, of Woodcliff, New Jersey; and Evelyn T., wife of I. M. Freedman, also of Woodcliff. Mr. Schiller is the grandfather of three grandchildren: Dorothy S. Cooper, nine years old; Howard A. Cooper, two years old; and Alan H. Freedman, five years old.

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### SCHEETZ, George, Jr.,

**Lawyer.**

George Scheetz, Jr., is a member of the legal profession, practicing law in Jersey City, New Jersey. Both his paternal and maternal grandfathers came to this country from Germany in 1850 and located at Jersey City. George Scheetz, Sr., was born here July 27, 1861, and is now acting in the capacity of treasurer of Jacob Ringle & Son, Inc., roofing contractors. He married Phillipina Puster, a native of Jersey City, who died in January, 1900, and they had three children: Harry, in charge of the copper department of U. T. Hungerford Brass and Copper Company, of New York City; Valentine, who died in infancy; and George, Jr., of further mention. The father is living at No. 225 Virginia avenue, Jersey City.

George Scheetz, Jr., was born April 3, 1896, in Jersey City, New Jersey. He graduated from the grammar school in 1910, and from Dickinson High School in 1915, then studied law at the New Jersey Law School, at Newark, New Jersey,

and graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, in 1919, since which time he has been practicing in this city. At the present time (1923) Mr. Scheetz is associated with ex-Judge Robert Carey.

He takes an active interest in Republican party affairs. During the World War he enlisted, June 28, 1918, and was first stationed at Camp Dix, in New Jersey, and later at Camp Lee, Virginia, where he received his commission as second lieutenant. Discharged from active service, November 30, 1922, he retains his rank in the officers' reserve corps, 309th Infantry. He is a member of the Carteret Club, and finds amusement in the sport of tennis. In religion he is a member of the First Congregational Church, of Jersey City.

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### LEECH, Hon. Charles de Brutze,

**Business Man.**

The commercial world of Hudson county, New Jersey, numbers the Hon. Charles de Brutze Leech as a widely efficient administrator of business affairs. An authority on motor vehicles of the heavier type, Mr. Leech is representative in North Hudson county of the White Motor Truck Company. In the world of civic advance Mr. Leech is equally esteemed for his efficiency and ability and his election as mayor of Weehawken in 1922 was the recognition by the people of a capable and public-spirited executive whom they placed in the highest local office in the gift of the people. Mr. Leech is a member of a family long prominent in America and is a son of Charles Leech, who was born in New York City and for many years was active as an editor of a New York newspaper. The mother, Emma Florence (Hannay) Leech, was born at Chesterville, New York.

Charles de Brutze Leech was born in



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Hoboken, New Jersey, May 29, 1883. Receiving a broadly practical education in the public schools of his birthplace, his career was begun in the business world and he followed a mercantile line in New York City as credit manager for a wholesale shoe concern, which position he filled for eighteen years. He then became representative for the White Motor Truck Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, and with his headquarters in Jersey City he has developed a very extensive trade throughout the northern part of Hudson county. His practical outlook upon life and his familiarity with business conditions give Mr. Leech a comprehensive grasp of the many demands made upon a vehicle of this character and his success in the distribution of the White Truck places him in the leading ranks of motor sales executives in the East.

A Democrat by political affiliation, Mr. Leech has for some years been a leading figure in party councils and has been looked upon as one of the strong men of the party. He served on the City Council of Weehawken for three years and his usefulness to the people was so broadly recognized that when his name was brought forward as a candidate for mayor on the Democratic ticket he was elected by a handsome majority. Perhaps the best appraisal of the man is the fact that he is the first Democratic mayor of Weehawken in ten years. Taking up the duties of his administration with singleness of purpose, and that, the welfare of the people, Mr. Leech has thus far made a highly commendable record in his official capacity and the people feel that their interests are indeed well placed in his hands. He is a member of the Civic Betterment Association, of Weehawken; an honorary member of the National Chiefs Association of the United States; and an

honorary member of the Police Benevolent Association of the State of New Jersey. His fraternal affiliations are with Euclid Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; and Weehawken Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a member of the Episcopal church of Union Hill, New Jersey.

Mr. Leech married, at Hoboken, October 10, 1910, Johanna Schultze, who was born in Hoboken, New Jersey, and is a daughter of Charles and Clara Schultze. Charles Schultze has for ten years been a member of the Hoboken Board of Council. He was a member of the Board of Freeholders and served as revenue inspector for three years, and now is assistant city clerk of Hoboken. Mr. and Mrs. Leech are the parents of the following children: Charles, born September 29, 1914; Marjorie, born May 7, 1916; Constance, born March 25, 1918; and Richard, born June 8, 1921.

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### DONNELLY, John H.,

#### Business Man.

Born at Buena Vista, Pennsylvania, April 16, 1876, a son of David C. and Emma J. (Lore) Donnelly, the former a native of Northampton county, Pennsylvania, and in the oil business and township collector at Musconetcong, New Jersey, and the latter a native of Hughesville, Warren county, New Jersey, John H. Donnelly's early education was obtained in the public schools at Cherry Grove, Pennsylvania, and Springtown, New Jersey. Later he studied at the Easton Business College, and St. Stewart Ryder Business College, Trenton, New Jersey. He first entered the employ of the North Jersey Pocono Ice Company, in 1896, and remained with that concern until 1903, when he was employed by the

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Mountain Ice Company and advanced to the office of manager in 1906, retaining that position and secretary and treasurer-ship since.

In politics he is a Republican. He is a member of Euclid Lodge, No. 136, Free and Accepted Mason, of Hoboken, New Jersey. He also affiliates with the Chamber of Commerce; the Rotary Club, and in religion is a member of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Donnelly was united in marriage, at Hoboken, New Jersey, April 15, 1904, with Clara E. Reimherr, born in New York City, and daughter of Robert and Clara (Richter) Reimherr.

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### **RAFFO, John Peter, LL. B.,**

#### **Attorney.**

In the profession of law, John Peter Raffo holds a prominent position in Hoboken, New Jersey, and his activities also follow various beneficent and progressive lines of endeavor. Mr. Raffo is a son of John Baptist Raffo, who was born in the Province of Genoa, Italy, and came to America alone in his early manhood, locating first in New York City, then later settling permanently in Hoboken. He was active in the building trade until his retirement. Building his own home at No. 316 Clinton street, Jersey City, he died December 18, 1907, at the age of sixty-three years, after an eminently useful life. The mother, Maria (Garibaldi) Raffo, was also born in the Province of Genoa, and died in Jersey City, February 18, 1918, at the age of seventy-four years. They were the parents of five children, of whom three are now living: Anthony G., who resides in the Bronx, New York City; Carrie, wife of Anthony Casazza; and John Peter.

John Peter Raffo was born in New

York City, November 13, 1881. He attended the public schools of the metropolis until the family removed to Hoboken, when he entered the public schools of this city and attended old Hoboken Grammar School No. 3, from which he was graduated in due course, then was graduated from the Hoboken High School in June, 1899. Thereafter Mr. Raffo took up the interests of the business world and for several years acted as a writer of advertisements, also filled various positions as private secretary. Going forward along these lines until April, 1913, he then went to Washington, D. C., as private secretary to Congressman John J. Eagan, of Weehawken, and while there Mr. Raffo attended the Georgetown University School of Law. Thus obtaining his higher education by his own efforts, Mr. Raffo was graduated from that institution in June, 1918, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was admitted to the bar of the District of Columbia in December, 1919, then was admitted to the bar of New Jersey in June, 1922, and has since practiced here. Meanwhile Mr. Raffo acted as assistant secretary to Mr. Eagan's successor, A. E. Olpp, who was congressman from the 11th District in the Sixty-seventh Congress. During the World War Mr. Raffo resigned his secretarial position to accept a war job at one-half his usual salary, and was active throughout the period of the war in the office of the Alien Property Custodian. Since his entering the practice of the law in Hoboken, Mr. Raffo has developed a very considerable practice and has gained an assured foothold in his chosen profession. He is also active in real estate and insurance brokerage and maintains a thriving and steadily growing interest in this field of endeavor. Mr. Raffo is a member of the Sons of Italy Building and

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Loan Association, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Knights of Columbus, and the Foresters of America, of which last named order he is past chief ranger. He is a member of the Roman Catholic church.

Mr. Raffo married (first) in Hoboken, April 6, 1907, Sadie Boasi, who died December 30, 1917, leaving two children: Gladys and Stephen A., one child having died. Mr. Raffo married (second) June 6, 1921, in West Hoboken, Louise Chiossie of Weehawken.

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### **WEST, William Walter,**

#### **Real Estate and Insurance Actuary.**

In the real estate and insurance business in Hudson county, New Jersey, William Walter West holds a prominent position, and although one of the younger men in this field, he has won large distinction and is highly esteemed both as a business man and a citizen. Progressive in spirit, and broadly interested in all that pertains to the community advance, he is one of the leading young men of Weehawken, the place of his residence and also of his business activity. Mr. West is a son of Walter W. and Elizabeth A. (McCormick) West, long residents of New York City.

William Walter West was born in New York City, July 4, 1889. He received a thorough grounding in the essentials of education in the public schools of the metropolis, and then began life in newspaper work in New York. Later he became traffic manager for a wholesale canned goods house in New York, where he was active for some years. When the census of 1920 was in the course of being taken up, he acted as supervisor of census for Hudson county, New Jersey, and it was in the course of this work that he

gained a comprehensive survey of business and social conditions in this section. With the completion of his work on the census, Mr. West entered the real estate and insurance business in Weehawken, and in his choice of a location he has found himself well pleased. With the rapid growth and progress of the community he has developed a large and prosperous business, and has in turn materially contributed to the further growth of the section. He takes a deep interest in every phase of public advance, and in political affairs holds an independent position, giving his support to every worthy cause or organization. During the World War he served in the Infantry branch of the United States army. Fraternally Mr. West is identified with Weehawken Lodge, No. 1456, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Henry Clay Lodge, No. 277, Free and Accepted Masons, of New York City; Ancient Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, also of New York City; and Zem Zem Grotto. He is a member of Weehawken Post, No. 18, American Legion, and of the county, State and National Real Estate boards.

Mr. West married, in Weehawken, on May 24, 1922, Clara E. Jansson, daughter of Charles and Elsa Jansson, and they reside at No. 2 Potter place, Weehawken.

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### **O'NEAL, Charles Henry,**

#### **Business Man.**

Charles Henry O'Neal, now and for years located in business at No. 408 Jersey avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey, was born in Aldershot, England, May 13, 1868, son of Charles H. and Alice G. (Quigley) O'Neal, his parents both of Irish birth and parentage. Charles H. O'Neal was born and died in Ireland, passing away at the age of fifty-eight, having been a





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soldier in the British Army, most of his service as an instructor in gymnastics. He married Alice G. Quigley, who also died in Ireland, they living at Aldershot, England, at the great military camp and barracks there. They were the parents of two children: Charles H., of further mention; and Ada, wife of Robert MacNaughton, of Cork, Ireland.

Until sixteen years of age Charles H. O'Neal attended school at Belfast, then became express messenger in that city. In 1888, at the age of twenty years, he came to the United States and located his home in New York City, there engaging in business with Hugh McCarren, with whom he remained fifteen years. In 1892 he moved his residence to Hoboken, New Jersey, but continued in the produce business in New York City until 1903 with Mr. McCarren, and then for twelve years was with John F. Crosby in the same business. In 1916 he established in business for himself, at No. 408 Jersey avenue, Jersey City, as a cash dealer in potatoes and other country produce. He still continues in that business at the same location, the business under his own name, Charles H. O'Neal, "dealer in potatoes." He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. O'Neal married, April 11, 1894, at Hoboken, New Jersey, Mary E. Hildemann, born in Hoboken, daughter of Louis and Mary E. (Kennedy) Hildemann, her parents both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. O'Neal are the parents of six living children: Marie; Charles H. (3) of further mention; Joseph; Alice; Margaret; and Arthur.

Charles H. (3) O'Neal, born May 11, 1896, is associated with his father in business. He is a veteran of the World War, enlisting as a volunteer, May 29, 1917.

He was on duty at Syracuse, New York, was promoted from private to sergeant, September 7, 1917, and then went overseas, being with the American Expeditionary Forces, 9th United States Infantry, 2nd Division, the Armies of Occupation in France and Germany, twenty-one and one-half months. He was in the battles of Chateau Thierry, Soissons, Meuse-Argonne offensive, and was twice gassed, once at Chateau Thierry, and once in the Argonne. He was mustered out in June, 1919, ranking as first lieutenant of the 47th Infantry, 4th Division.

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### RATHJEN, Edward,

#### **Business Man.**

Along special lines of manufacturing activity Edward Rathjen, of Hoboken, New Jersey, has attained large success and his plant is one of the most modern and up-to-date in the metropolitan district. Mr. Rathjen is a man of large affairs and large ability and his influence as a citizen is always cast on the side of progress. He is a son of Edward and Elizabeth (Grimm) Rathjen, both natives of Germany and both now deceased. The father served in the German Army in his youth, but came to America in his early manhood, locating in New York City and later settling permanently in Hoboken. He was engaged in wholesale mercantile activities until his death.

Edward Rathjen was born in New York City, August 9, 1877. The family removing to Hoboken in his infancy, his education was received in the public schools of this city and as a youth he started life in the shirt business, learning the trade of custom cutter. In this capacity he was identified with Hauptner & Company for about six years, then identified himself with a brother-in-law in the furniture



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business. This affiliation continued successfully for twenty years, their location being at the corner of Twelfth and Washington streets, Hoboken. Mr. Rathjen became broadly familiar with the trade during this experience and was confident that a manufacturing interest in the production of bedding and upholstery would meet with the cordial support of the trade. Accustomed to thinking on a broad scale Mr. Rathjen laid plans for an extensive business and opened a plant in 1920 at the corner of Tenth and Bloomfield streets, in Hoboken. Here he employs an efficient force of men and is doing a very large and constantly increasing business. He makes a specialty of contracting large jobs for hotel and steamship companies, also for manufacturers of furniture and for the wholesale furniture trade. He is going forward with ever increasing success and his name stands for the highest quality in every product which leaves his plant. Mr. Rathjen is a member of the Hoboken Chamber of Commerce, and has few interests outside of his business. He is an Independent in political affairs and attends the First Church of Christ Scientist, of Hoboken.

Mr. Rathjen married, at Hoboken, March 18, 1902, Marie Nordbrock, who was born in Hoboken, a daughter of Ernst and Anna (Hoffrage) Nordbrock, both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Rathjen are the parents of one child, Christina Anna.

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### HOWEY, William B.,

**Business Man.**

Engaged in the business of pattern and model making in Hoboken, New Jersey, Mr. Howey has achieved no little success. He is a son of William A., a boat builder and contractor, born in Monroe county,

December 26, 1834, and Cassia (Grow) Howey.

William B. Howey was born at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, October 22, 1872, and attended the public schools there. In 1915 he commenced the business of making patterns and models for machinery and inventions, in which he is still occupied, and located at No. 1329 Grand street, Hoboken, New Jersey. A Republican in politics, he is a county committeeman. Fraternally he is a member of Euclid Lodge, No. 136, Free and Accepted Masons, in Hoboken; the Masonic Club, and a member of the Chamber of Commerce. In religious faith he is a Presbyterian and member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Howey married, at Phillipsburg, New Jersey, September, 1894, Anna Hier, native of Hazleton, Pennsylvania, where she was born October 19, 1874, daughter of John and Jane Hier, natives of England.

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### GOLDBERG, Carl Israel,

**Architect.**

In the city of Bayonne, New Jersey, the name of Carl I. Goldberg is one of prominence, for although he is still a young man, he has taken a definite and noteworthy position in the local progress as an architect and is doing much for the advance of construction activities through his professional work. Mr. Goldberg came to the United States as a child and has been a resident of Bayonne since his arrival here. He is a son of Reuben and Bertha Goldberg, the former of whom is a successful hardware merchant of Bayonne.

Carl Israel Goldberg was born July 3, 1890, and came to Bayonne in his childhood. His early education was acquired



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in the local public schools, including the high school. In Bayonne he made special preparations for the profession of architecture and began business in his own offices in the year 1914. He has done much designing for the construction of apartment houses, making this general field his specialty, but also handles a very considerable general line of construction work. He has planned and superintended the construction of many of the finest and largest buildings of Bayonne and has just completed the De Witt Theatre building, at the corner of Broadway and Twenty-fifth street; the St. Peter and St. Paul's Russian Orthodox Church, at West 28th street; the Labor Lyceum, a large club building; the Spector building, at No. 462 Broadway, and also a large number of business buildings, all in Bayonne. He has won in a high degree the confidence and the esteem of those whom he has served in professional capacity, as well as his professional associates, and he has a host of friends in the city of Bayonne. His skill and ability have stamped themselves upon the material development and growth of the city in the many sections where his excellently planned and well constructed buildings stand as monuments which will endure. Mr. Goldberg has always taken a deep interest in all that pertains to the advancement of the public welfare, though he is not one of those who seek or desire the honors and emoluments of public office. Upon the entrance of the United States into the World War, Mr. Goldberg enlisted his services and had charge of a ship repair shop, Unit No. 301, of Hoboken, in the Marine Department, under Major J. S. McKinney of the United States Army. Mr. Goldberg is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Knights of Pythias, also of the Indepen-

dent Order of B'nai B'rith. His clubs are the Kiwanis and the Shrine of Hudson county. He attends Temple Emanu-El.

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### DIAMOND, Irving,

#### Business Man.

The fact that to skillful and attractive advertising a considerable proportion of business prosperity is due is being more and more recognized. Men and women of ability are setting their wits to the task of devising attractive means of calling the attention of the public to the lines of goods produced and sold by business organizations, and men and women of artistic taste and skill are finding a large field of activity in the designing and executing of signs, window displays and show cards. Among those who are notably successful in the latter field is Irving Diamond, proprietor of the Irving Sign Shop, located at No. 442 Eighteenth street, near Bergenline avenue, West New York, New Jersey.

Mr. Diamond is one of the many worthy citizens who, though born in a foreign land, have come to this country during their early years and received their education in the land of their adoption. Born in Swiel, Russia, July 7, 1895, Mr. Diamond came to this country with his parents when he was twelve years of age, and spent the early years of his residence in this country on the East Side, in New York City, where he attended the elementary school and the evening high school. From the first day of his attendance at school in this country he gave evidence of artistic ability of an unusually high order, and many of those who were his classmates at that time remember an incident which clearly indicated his line of special ability. So attractive were his drawings that his teacher suggested that he draw his picture, which was commended for its great likeness. While con-

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tinuing his studies in the evening high school, he was learning the art of sign-painting at the Baron De Hirsh Trade School, at Sixty-fourth street, New York City, and when his special training there was completed he found employment, first, with Einson & Company, a concern in New York City, and later with Binger & Company, both among the largest concerns of their kind in the United States. In October, 1920, he removed to West New York, New Jersey, and established a business of his own, locating first on the corner of Broadway and Sixth street. He soon built up a large and rapidly growing clientele, and within two years his business had so expanded that larger quarters were necessary. On February 16, 1923, he moved to his present quarters at No. 442 Eighteenth street. He has the largest business of its kind in West New York, and has filled orders for the largest commercial establishments in his district, extending the sphere of his activity throughout Hudson county. Each week brings to him new patrons, secured through the recommendations of his many satisfied customers, and there is every prospect that his already large business enterprise will continue its rapid growth. Mr. Diamond does all kinds of sign and display work. His prompt and efficient business methods, together with his exceptional artistic skill and ability, have won for him the unqualified commendation of his many patrons. Mr. Diamond's artistic taste expresses itself in other lines also. He is deeply interested in good music. He finds recreation in out-of-door sports, and is highly esteemed among his many personal friends.

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**O'MARA, Edward Joseph,**

**Attorney, Served in World War.**

One of the attorneys-at-law of Jersey City, New Jersey, who is yet young in

the profession is Mr. O'Mara, connected with the law firm of Wall, Haight, Carey & Hartpence, whose offices are located at No. 15 Exchange place, Jersey City, New Jersey. Ancestors in the O'Mara family emigrated from Ireland to Canada, and John O'Mara, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, came to Jersey City, New Jersey. His son, Walter, was born in Jersey City, and is now clerk of the Board of Freeholders in Hudson county. Walter O'Mara married Margaret Bailey, also a native of this city, where they still reside. They were the parents of seven children, all living, as follows: Edward Joseph, of whom further; Mary; Walter, Jr.; Elizabeth; John; Joseph; and Gerald.

Edward Joseph O'Mara was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, May 6, 1897. He graduated from St. Peter's High School in 1915, and from Fordham University in 1919, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In 1922 he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws and was admitted to the New Jersey bar in February of this year. His connection with the law firm mentioned began immediately after being admitted to practice. He takes an active part in the political affairs of the Democratic party.

In 1918 Mr. O'Mara enlisted in the United States navy and was stationed at Pelham Bay until the armistice was declared, seeking qualification as an ensign. He is a fraternal member of the Knights of Columbus, Gamma Eta Gamma fraternity, and is a member of the Carteret Club. He is a communicant in St. Aloysius' Roman Catholic Church. His favorite recreational interests are football and golf.

Mr. O'Mara married, April 2, 1923, Margaret K. McOsker, of Jersey City. Their present residence is at No. 2600 Hudson boulevard.







*Sidney Jacobs*

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### **MAHNKEN, Alfred John,**

**Civil Engineer, World War Soldier.**

Alfred John Mahnken, son of John and Wilhelmine Mahnken, was born in the town of Union, Hudson county, New Jersey, December 2, 1888. His education began in the public schools and continued through grammar and high schools, and he graduated from the town of Union High School with the class of 1904. He then pursued a course of study in civil engineering at Rutgers College, New Brunswick, New Jersey, 1904-1908, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science at graduation in the latter year. In 1912 Rutgers College conferred upon him the honorary degree of Civil Engineer. Upon leaving college he engaged in practice as a civil engineer, and in construction work, and is now president of Beyer & Mahnken, Incorporated, Engineers and Constructors, of Hoboken, New Jersey.

Mr. Mahnken enlisted for service in the United States army soon after the declaration of war against Germany in 1917, and saw active service in the artillery, going overseas with the first army of the American Expeditionary Forces. He was engaged at Verdun, St. Mihiel, and the Aisne-Marne offensive; was slightly wounded and gassed, receiving a citation by the French Government for distinguished service. He rose to the rank of captain of artillery, and compiled a record of most honorable service.

Captain Mahnken is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Kappa Sigma fraternity, and the Dutch Reformed church. He married, December 3, 1917, Ruby Estella Stimpson, daughter of George W. and Emma Estella Stimpson. Their only child, Alfred John (2), died in August, 1918.

Captain Mahnken's offices are in the Sten-eck building, Hoboken, New Jersey; his residence is in Maplewood, New Jersey.

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### **JACOBS, Sidney,**

**Attorney.**

One of the leading figures in legal circles in Jersey City, New Jersey, is Sidney Jacobs, who for the past decade has been in active practice in this city. He has won wide recognition as a successful attorney and an able counsellor-at-law, and his public service has been constructive to a marked degree. Mr. Jacobs is a son of John A. Jacobs, who was born in the Rhineland, Germany, and came to America as a boy, locating in Brooklyn, New York. A man of practical, commercial ability, John A. Jacobs entered the grocery business in Jersey City forty years ago, and became a leader in this field. He is now retired from all activity, enjoying the rewards of long and useful business endeavor. The mother, Lena (Schwerer) Jacobs, who was born in Ohio, is also still living, and they are the parents of five children, all living: Sidney, of further mention; Evelyn; Mabel; Jeannette; and George.

Sidney Jacobs was born in the Twelfth Ward, Jersey City, New Jersey, April 1, 1885. His education was begun in the parochial schools of the city, from which he graduated in 1900. Thereafter covering the classical course at St. Peter's College, and determining upon the law as his field of professional effort, he entered New Jersey Law School, from which he was graduated in the class of 1912. He was admitted to the bar of New Jersey as attorney in June, 1913, and three years later as counsellor, and has now, for ten years, been a significant figure in the

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progress of the profession in Jersey City. With offices at No. 76 Montgomery street, Mr. Jacobs is associated in practice with Edward S. Keller, and is counted among the successful professional men of the day.

Interested in a general way in all public advance, Mr. Jacobs has served at various times on election and draft boards, and is affiliated with the Democratic party. For relaxation he chooses reading and out-of-door activities, and is interested in all sports, taking particular pleasure in "hiking." Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and he belongs to the Roman Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart.

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### HENRY, Edwin H., William D.,

#### Business Men.

One of the successful business enterprises of Union Hill is the up-to-date, thoroughly well-equipped service and auto sales establishment of the Henry Brothers, located at the corner of Fifth street and Broadway. Autoists passing through Union Hill have learned that promptness and efficiency are working principles of the concern and that Henry Brothers may always be depended upon to give a "square deal."

William D. Henry, Sr., father of William D. and Edwin H., was a native of Union Hill, and was long associated with his brother, Thomas, as a dealer in building materials. Thomas Henry took an active part in town affairs and was at one time a member of the council.

William D. Henry was born in Union Hill, New Jersey, February 12, 1884, and his brother, Edwin H., was born June 8, 1889. Both attended the public schools of their native town, and when school days were over found their first employment with their uncle. William D., being

first to finish his school training, was associated with the Thomas Henry concern for some time before his brother became associated with the business, and he remained some three or four years after the younger brother left school. In 1914, however, William D. and Edwin H. decided to establish a business concern of their own. They opened a large garage at No. 221 Thirty-second street, in Union Hill, New Jersey. In addition to automobile accessories and repair work they took the agency for Dodge Brothers cars. The business grew rapidly and when in 1917 larger quarters became necessary, Henry Brothers built their own two-story brick building, containing 15,000 square feet of floor space, at the corner of Fifth street and Broadway. The establishment is well equipped with the most modern devices for rapid and efficient work, and the vigorous methods and sound business policies of the brothers have won for them a reputation which is a valuable business asset. In 1922 they opened a branch in Hackensack, New Jersey. William D. took charge of the new establishment and so rapidly has that branch grown that within a year they are planning to erect their own building there. Both service stations are operated under the name Henry Brothers, Edwin H. serving as president, and William D. as vice-president and treasurer. Both brothers cast their vote independently. Edwin H. is affiliated with Hoboken Lodge, No. 74, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; is treasurer of the Hudson County Girl Scouts Camp Association; and vice-president of the Elysian Camera Club, of Hoboken.

William D. and Edwin H. are married. William D. has two children: Helen, and William D., Jr. Edwin H. also has two children: Edna, and Marjorie.







*Edwin H. Henry*



*William D. Henry*





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### **BLUME, Alfred,**

**Realtor, Insurance Actuary.**

Few residents of Hudson county, New Jersey, are better acquainted with real estate values in the Union Hill section of the county than is Alfred Blume, who for the past twenty-five years has bought, sold and insured a vast amount of real property. He is well and favorably known in Union Hill and vicinity, and is recognized as an expert in his special field.

Mr. Blume is one of the many enterprising and successful citizens who have come to this country from other lands and have used the privileges and advantages of their adopted country, not only for the building of a successful career for themselves, but for the good of the communities in which they dwell. Born in Germany, May 31, 1858, son of Ferdinand and Alvina (Günther) Blume, both natives of Germany, the former of whom was engaged in business as a confectioner in Germany. Mr. Blume was educated in the public schools of the Fatherland. Mr. Blume was awarded a silver medal for being one of the best exhibitors of confectionery, the prize being awarded at an exhibition in Würzburg in 1879. In 1878, when he was eighteen years of age, he secured employment with the Hamburg American Steamship Company, and came to this country. He remained with that company, serving in various capacities until he began his career in the hotel business by securing a position as chef in Naegeli's Hotel, in Hoboken, New Jersey. Two years of efficient service in that capacity gave him opportunity to become somewhat familiar with all the departments of the hotel business, and he opened an establishment of his own in Hoboken which he successfully conducted

as Blume's Hotel for twenty years. At the end of that time he removed to Union Hill, New Jersey, and engaged in a new line of business activity. He opened an office at No. 100 Union street and began to buy and sell real property. To this he added insurance of all kinds. The enterprise was successful from the beginning and for the past twenty-five years he has bought and sold a very large amount of property in Union Hill and vicinity. In addition to his real estate and insurance business he is a stockholder in the Weehawken Trust Company, the Hoboken Trust Company, the Trust Company of New Jersey, and the First National Bank of Union Hill.

With all his business activities Mr. Blume has found time for public service in official capacity. He served as tax commissioner of Hoboken for several years, has been justice of the peace and president of the Tax Payers' Protective Organization of Union Hill for the past ten years, and is also notary public and commissioner of deeds. He casts his vote independently. Fraternally he is affiliated with Union Hill Lodge, No. 1357, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and his religious connection is with St. John's Evangelist Church of Union Hill. Mr. Blume has many friends in Hudson county and is held in high esteem both among his business associates and among those who meet him in civic and social connections.

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### **VERDI, Maurice,**

**Business Man.**

Most of those people of Hoboken and surrounding country who are served by Verdi Brothers are acquainted with the well known reputation of the manager of the concern, Maurice Verdi, who, in ad-

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dition to having founded the successful enterprise of which he is now at the head, has been the most important factor in developing the concern to its present well established condition.

Born in Italy in 1896, Mr. Verdi is a son of Anthony Verdi, a native of Italy, who learned the trade of cooper which he followed in Italy and later in the United States, and of Carmella Verdi, also a native of Italy, and both now live in Jersey City. Anthony and Carmella Verdi are the parents of three sons: Maurice, the subject of this sketch; Nicholas; and Michael. After receiving his early education in the public schools of Italy, Maurice Verdi came to this country with his parents and completed his preparatory education in the public schools of Jersey City, leaving school in the sixth grade for employment. During his early employment he took a business course in the evenings at Drake's Business College, in Jersey City, and when his commercial course was finished accepted a position as clerk in the employ of the American Sugar Refining Company, of Jersey City. Later he severed his connection with that concern and became identified with the Lehigh Valley railroad, which connection he maintained for about a year and a half. His next position was in the employ of the United States Government, but after a time he became identified with the Thompson Starratt Company, builders, and Van Noy Interstate Company, commissaries; with whom he remained for one year filling a secretarial position. He then decided to learn the cooper's trade and for four months worked under his brother, Nicholas, at the army piers in Hoboken. At the end of that time he opened a cooperage of his own with which he combined a weighing business. He opened his establishment on April 1, 1919,

and later admitted his two brothers, Nicholas and Michael, to partnership. The first location was at No. 62 Fourth street, but as the business grew, larger quarters were required and they removed to No. 123 Hudson street. On May 1, 1923, they removed to still larger quarters at No. 302 Hudson street, where they have since been conducting a business which is still rapidly growing. Politically the Verdi brothers cast their vote independently. During the war all three were in service. Maurice served as a member of the 7th Battalion, 153rd Division, for six months and then received his honorable discharge at Camp Dix, Wrightstown, New Jersey, December 7, 1918, at that time holding the rank of corporal. Nicholas had charge of the entire cooperage of New York harbor for the United States Government throughout the period of the war. Michael served overseas for twenty-three months with the White Stevedore Regiment.

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### O'MAHONY, Neil Aloysius,

**Realtor, Insurance Operator.**

In the field of real estate and insurance, Neil Aloysius O'Mahony holds a leading position in the city of Bayonne, New Jersey. He was formerly in the hotel business, in which he was widely known and as widely popular. A native of Bayonne, he was reared and educated there and has spent his lifetime in the metropolitan district and has taken a broadly constructive interest in every current branch of endeavor as the years have passed, and now stands among the leading men of the city. He is a son of Michael and Catherine O'Mahony, his father during the greater part of his lifetime active in the same general lines of business endeavor.

Neil Aloysius O'Mahony was born in



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Bayonne, New Jersey, January 26, 1874. His education was begun at St. Mary's Parochial School, followed by attendance at the public schools of Bayonne, but he later returned to St. Mary's from which he graduated, having laid a practical foundation for his future activities. The business of his father undoubtedly had its influence in determining the trend of his ambitions, and while still a young man, Mr. O'Mahony entered the insurance field. He later entered into the real estate brokerage business and in these allied fields he has moved forward to large success. For many years Mr. O'Mahony has been prominent in the public life of Hudson county, having served as secretary to the sheriff and later as secretary for a number of years to the county purchasing agent, his activities in this latter connection especially redounding to the public good. For eight years he served as alderman from the Fourth Ward of Bayonne, and in 1906 he was made chief of the Bayonne Volunteer Fire Department, in which connection he served for one year. He had been trained in the New York City School of Instruction under Chief Ferrel, of the New York Fire Department, and practically with the No. 6 Truck, of No. 77 Canal street, New York City, with which he had been identified more or less closely for some time, his experience thus gained broadening his field of usefulness. During the World War Mr. O'Mahoney devoted much of his time to the home activities in support of the American Expeditionary Forces, and especially was interested in all that contributed to the work of the Red Cross. Fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Bayonne; the Ancient Order of Hibernians, No. 20. He is also a member of the Rover Football Club.

His religious affiliation is with St. Vincent De Paul's Roman Catholic Church, and he is a member of the Holy Name Society of this church.

Mr. O'Mahony married Elizabeth T. Maher, in Jersey City, at All Saints' Church.

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### BOEHLER, Oscar,

**Florist.**

One of the best known florists of West Hoboken, New Jersey, is Oscar Boehler, who is now sole proprietor of the business established by his father in 1862. The establishment located at No. 810 Dubois street carries a full line of plants and flowers and is doing a thriving business.

Francis J. Boehler, father of Oscar Boehler, and founder of the business, was born in Austria, but came to this country in early manhood and settled in West Hoboken, New Jersey, where he established in 1862 the florist business now conducted by his son. He took an active part in civic affairs in West Hoboken, and was highly esteemed by his fellow citizens both as an able and successful business man and as a public-spirited citizen. He continued to develop his floral enterprise to the time of his death, in 1887. He married Margarita A. Ammon, a native of Switzerland, who survived her husband and conducted the business to the time of her death, in 1901. Francis J. and Margarita A. (Ammon) Boehler were the parents of four sons: Oscar, of further mention; Edwin T.; Eugene, deceased; and Louis A.

Oscar Boehler, son of Francis J. and Margarita A. (Ammon) Boehler, was born in West Hoboken, New Jersey, January 17, 1864, and received his school training in the public schools of his native city. As a young boy he began to assist

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his father in the horticultural business and, when school days were over, he became his father's regular assistant. After the death of the father in 1887, he continued in the business as his mother's associate. She died in 1901, and the three sons, Oscar, Edwin T., and Louis A., took over the enterprise. Later Louis A. and Edwin T. withdrew to engage in other activities, and Oscar Boehler is now (1923) sole proprietor of the concern which for more than sixty years has been adding to the beauty and enjoyment of life by producing exquisite bloom, and strong, vigorous plants. Mr. Boehler carries a general line of plants and cut flowers, and his many patrons have learned to rely upon his artistic taste as well as upon his reliable business methods.

The Boehler family is an old one in this section of the State, and the Boehler home is said to be about eighty years old, though the particular branch to which Oscar Boehler belongs was founded in this country by Mr. Boehler's father. They have always taken an active interest in public affairs, and Edwin T. Boehler served for three terms as a member of the City Council of West Hoboken. Louis A. Boehler was Fire Commissioner of New York City at one time. Oscar Boehler is a member of the New York Florists' Club, and of the Society of American Florists. His religious affiliation is with the Reformed church of West Hoboken. Mr. Boehler is unmarried.

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### KNIPPING, Frederick, Jr.,

#### **Real Estate and Insurance Actuary.**

A leader in the world of real estate and insurance in Hudson county, New Jersey, Frederick Knipping, Jr., is broadly active both in brokerage and in development work and he has done much for the pros-

perity of Hudson county, especially in the development of its outlying suburbs. A largely efficient executive, always in close touch with every phase of advance which concerns real estate and insurance activities, Mr. Knipping handles large interests and is considered to be one of the really important men in his field. He is a son of Frederick and Dorothea (Quincy) Knipping, his father, who is now deceased, was a native of Germany, but for many years a salesman with interests centering in Jersey City. The mother was born in New York City and is still living.

Frederick Knipping, Jr., was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, September 14, 1877. His education was limited to the public schools of his native city and he attended Schools No. 10 and 7, completing his study in the latter. When still a young lad Mr. Knipping entered the industrial world as a plumber's apprentice, in Jersey City, but as he came to be of an age to gain a broader survey of business affairs and conditions he determined to enter a different field. Accordingly he affiliated himself with real estate and insurance advance, first in the capacity of a salesman for old established houses in Jersey City. In the year 1908 Mr. Knipping established his own office in West Hoboken and entered the field of real estate and insurance brokerage. Five years later he opened a branch office in West New York, then after another five years came to Union Hill, New Jersey, where he has since been a very prominent factor in the extensive growth which that period has seen in Union Hill and vicinity. Mr. Knipping handles local real estate interests principally, but his insurance activities cover a general scope. He is at the present time (1923) building a number of houses in the Grantwood sec-







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tion, his construction work being on the development order, the homes being sold to the people on the deferred payment basis. Mr. Knipping is a director of the West Shore Building and Loan Association and a very active promoter of its interests. A Democrat by political affiliation, he was formerly a justice of the peace of West Hoboken, but the interests of his business have more recently compelled him to relinquish all other activities. His religious affiliation is with the Episcopal church.

Mr. Knipping married, in Jersey City, New Jersey, on August 5, 1908, Marie Blanche Ward, who was born in Brooklyn, New York, daughter of Edward C. and Katherine (Ambrose) Ward. The father, who was born in France, is engaged in the knitting business in Brooklyn; the mother was born in Brooklyn, and both are still living. Mr. and Mrs. Knipping are the parents of four children: Marie, Dorothy C., Frederick J., and Edward C.

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### **SCHROEDER, William,** **Business Man.**

In the very modern business field of advertising, William Schroeder is a leading figure in Hudson county, with offices at No. 61 Second street, Hoboken, New Jersey, and his activities are contributing largely to the commercial and industrial progress of the day in Northern New Jersey. Mr. Schroeder is an eminently practical man, with his finger always on the pulse of business, is considered a force for constructive advance all along the line. Mr. Schroeder is a son of Otto and Amelia (Berndt) Schroeder, both natives of Germany and both still living. The father served in the German navy in early life, and during his career in America was active as a watchman until his retirement.

William Schroeder was born in Brooklyn, New York, May 24, 1887. His education was begun in the public schools of Hoboken, New Jersey, where the family removed in his infancy, he being six months of age at the time. As a young lad, Mr. Schroeder entered the employ of the Western Union Telegraph Company, but later he secured a position as office boy in Hoboken, in the employ of J. A. Lichtenstein, his activities in this connection being along the line of advertising, especially classified advertisements. Filling this position until the year 1912, Mr. Schroeder then took over the interest of Mr. Lichtenstein, the death of his former employer occurring in that year. Mr. Schroeder has gone forward since and has developed a very extensive and broadly significant interest in all branches of newspaper advertising. He gives to his work in this vitally significant field the ceaseless endeavor and tireless energy which count for large and permanent success. The interest is known under the title of the Schroeder Advertising Agency.

Mr. Schroeder has few interests outside his business, but politically supports the Democratic party, and is a member of Old Glory Council, Junior Order United American Mechanics, of Jersey City. His religious affiliation is with the First Methodist Episcopal Church, of Hoboken.

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### **STUHR, William S.,** **Corporation Counsel.**

Active as a member of the firm of Stuhr & Vogt, Mr. Stuhr's chief professional responsibility, aside from private practice, is as corporation counsel of Weehawken, and it has been his experience to enter, early in his career, upon a course of useful and successful legal work. He is a native of this district, born in Hoboken, New Jersey, November 23, 1893, son

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of William S. and Marietta Miller (Stewart) Stuhr. His father died February 23, 1917.

Mr. Stuhr obtained his preparatory education in the public schools and Hoboken Academy, then entered New York University and was graduated in the class of 1914, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. His studies were continued in the law department of the same university and in 1917 he received the degrees of Bachelor of Laws and Doctor of Jurisprudence, admission to the New Jersey bar following in June of the same year. His practice was begun alone, but on March 1, 1919, he formed a partnership with E. Le Clerc Vogt under the firm name of Stuhr & Vogt, an association that has continued with mutual satisfaction to the present (1923). The firm holds most creditable rank among legal partnerships in the city, and its members have appeared in litigation of broad importance. Mr. Stuhr is a member of the American Bar Association, the State Bar Association, and the Hudson County Bar Association, being a member of the executive committee of the last named body.

His political identification has been with the Democratic party, and in 1921 he served as recorder of Weehawken, his present position in the civil administration of the community, corporation counsel. He has numerous social and fraternal affiliations, holding memberships in Lodge No. 74, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Hoboken; the Loyal Order of Moose, the Kappa Sigma fraternity, the Carteret Club, of Jersey City; the Union League Club, of Jersey City; and the Shackamax-on Club, of Westfield.

Mr. Stuhr married Florence E. Mattocks (deceased), and has a son, William S., who was born in Weehawken, April 27, 1920.

**HOPPS, Lawrence Albert,**  
**Building Contractor.**

In the physical development and progress of West Hoboken, New Jersey, and vicinity, Lawrence A. Hopps has for many years been active as a builder, and since February, 1920, he has carried forward his independent interest along the line of contracting in partnership with Joseph Halsch. Progressive and enterprising in all his business activities, Mr. Hopps has taken a very useful part in the business world, and his success in his present enterprise is now assured.

Mr. Hopps is a son of James Hopps, who was born at Westchester, New York, September 7, 1853, and has for many years been active as a mason and contractor in various sections of New Jersey. He married Carrie Turner, who was born at West Hoboken, New Jersey; and the family now resides in this city.

Lawrence A. Hopps was born at Rahway, New Jersey, December 8, 1876. The family removed to West Hoboken when he was a child. His education was received in the public schools of that city, and there he secured a practical grounding in the fundamentals of learning. As a young man he became interested in such business endeavors as those in which his father was engaged and worked with his father for a time, then for twenty years was active in the employ of August Kleinke, one of the leading contractors of West Hoboken, now deceased. Since forming his present partnership in February, 1920, Mr. Hopps has gone forward with constantly increasing success and has handled many large and interesting contracts. He is at present engaged in important construction work in West Hoboken and vicinity, and the future of the enterprise is most promising. In political affairs Mr. Hopps supports no aggrega-



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tion of public sentiment unqualifiedly, but holds independent convictions. Fraternally he is identified with Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 251, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and he is affiliated with the Lutheran church.

Lawrence A. Hopps married, in West Hoboken, New Jersey, Ida Kolhs, who was born in Germany, and is the daughter of Charles and Wilhelmina (Schultz) Kolhs, both natives of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Hopps are the parents of four children: Albert, born July 23, 1897; Henry, born December 15, 1900; Mabel, born November 23, 1903; and Louis, born February 28, 1914.

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### **MATZ, William John,**

**Realtor, Insurance Actuary.**

Among the well known realtors and insurance men of Hudson county is William John Matz, who for the past two and a half years has been engaged in business for himself in Union Hill. Mr. Matz has had a wide experience in the real estate and insurance business in New York City and in North Hudson and is well qualified to conduct a successful enterprise of his own.

Charles Matz, father of William John Matz, was engaged in the brewery business until 1921. He was assistant brewmaster at Isaac Leisy's Brewery in Cleveland, Ohio, until 1900, when he removed to Union Hill, New Jersey, and became brewmaster at the Daniel Bermes Boulevard Brewery. The latter position he held for twenty-one years, until October, 1921, when he retired. Mr. Matz died October 2, 1922. He married Maria Gersbacher, and there were three children of this union: Elsie; William J., of whom further; and Frieda.

William John Matz was born in Cleve-

land, Ohio, September 2, 1897, and received his preparatory education in the public schools of Union Hill, New Jersey, to which town he was brought by his parents when he was two and a half years of age. After graduating from the commercial department of the Union Hill High School, in June, 1914, he further prepared for an active career by taking a course in accountancy in the New York School of Accounts, from which he received a junior accountant's certificate in June, 1915. Soon after his graduation from high school he became associated with the real estate and insurance business, first as an employe of J. W. Schellhorn, of Weehawken, New Jersey. Later he was associated with two large insurance concerns in New York City, and with several real estate and insurance agencies in North Hudson. Through these connections he gained a wide experience, and in April, 1921, he engaged in the real estate and insurance business, opening an office of his own at No. 150 Bergenline avenue, Union Hill, and in November, 1922, he removed his office to No. 211 Fulton street, Union Hill, where he is now located. He has built up a large and lucrative business and is already well known in Hudson county as a skilled appraiser of real estate values and an enterprising business man of excellent business methods. Mr. Matz has been an ardent Democrat all his life. He served as a sailor during the World War, and with the exception of that period of service, he has been throughout his career associated with the real estate and insurance business. Fraternally he is a member of the Union Hill Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and Palisade Council, Knights of Columbus. He is also a member of Steuben Society of America, Hexamer Unit, and of the

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Holy Name Society of Holy Family Church, of Union Hill, New Jersey. His religious affiliation is with the Holy Family Roman Catholic Church, of Jefferson Place, Union Hill.

On July 18, 1923, in the Holy Family Church, at Union Hill, William John Matz married Louisa A. Pardee, daughter of Albert C. and Louisa (Reinhard) Pardee.

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### GEIGER, Edward,

#### Plumbing Contractor.

Among the notably successful plumbing and contracting concerns of Hoboken, Hudson county, New Jersey, is the one owned and managed by Edward Geiger. The store is located at No. 96 Adams street, in Hoboken, where Mr. Geiger founded the business, and where for the past decade a steadily increasing patronage has made known its needs in the plumbing line.

Born in Hoboken, New Jersey, May 16, 1886, Edward Geiger is a son of Jacob Geiger, a native of Germany, who came to Hoboken in 1859, and there engaged in the oyster business, and of Catherine (Faist) Geiger, also a native of Germany, who lived in Hoboken at the time of their death and left a family of nine boys and four girls.

Edward Geiger received his education in the public schools of Hoboken, New Jersey, in schools Nos. 3 and 5, and when his school training was completed, entered the employ of J. Clark, a plumber of Hoboken, New Jersey, with whom he remained for about eight years. At the end of that time, desiring to enlarge his experience by association with another firm, Mr. Geiger severed his connection with Mr. Clark and identified himself with the plumbing business of A. T. Pflugh, with whom he remained for seven years. Fif-

teen years of association with two firms and of continual practical experience had furnished Mr. Geiger both with the knowledge and skill and also with the capital necessary for making a start in business for himself. He opened a store of his own at No. 96 Adams street, in Hoboken, and from a modest beginning ultimately built up a large and important patronage. By 1916 his business enterprise had so expanded that he decided to admit a partner, and chose A. Gaillard, who remained in association with him for three years, but at the end of that time, in 1919, the partnership was dissolved and since that time Mr. Geiger has been successfully engaged in business alone. His long connection with that line of business activity, as well as the fact that practically his entire life has been spent in Hoboken, New Jersey, is responsible for the fact that Mr. Geiger is one of the best known men in his section of the city. He is well liked, both among his patrons and among his associates in the wholesale branch of the business, and there is every prospect that his already well-established concern will continue to grow and to prosper. Politically Mr. Geiger casts his vote independently. During the World War he took an active part in all the various drives, Liberty Loan and Red Cross, and contributed a valuable share of the interest and enthusiasm which carried the city of Hoboken "over the top."

In October, 1905, at Hoboken, New Jersey, Edward Geiger married Hazel Neumann, who was born in Hoboken, New Jersey, daughter of William and Hannah Neumann, the former deceased, and the latter now living in Hoboken. Mr. and Mrs. Geiger are the parents of two children: George, who was born August 8, 1906; and Emma, who was born July 31, 1909.

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### **GORDON, William Wallace,**

**Public Official, World War Veteran.**

The young men of Hudson county have always found a place among the leaders of progress, and William Wallace Gordon, although he has only recently attained his majority, has for several years taken an active part in the world of men and affairs and is now in business for himself.

Mr. Gordon is a son of Zondel Gordon, who was born in Russia and came to the United States at the age of seventeen years. Without friends or influence, he began in the dry goods business, and by the sheer force of his own determination and energy developed a thriving interest along retail lines. In the year 1898 he entered a different field, becoming a building contractor and attaining a very high position in this general realm. He died October 24, 1918, at the age of sixty years, respected by all who knew him. The mother, Bessie (Hordes) Gordon, was also born in Russia, and still survives her husband, residing in Jersey City. Their children are: Benjamin E., whose life is reviewed elsewhere in this work; Herman, a successful dentist of Harrison, New Jersey; Aaron, a young and promising attorney of Jersey City; and William Wallace, of whom further.

William Wallace Gordon was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, January 16, 1902. He is a graduate of public school No. 28, class of 1916, and after attending Dickinson High School for a time, he entered the employ of Julius Kislak, of Hoboken, with whom he remained, except with the interruption of the World War, until February, 1923, when he established his present business at No. 358 Central avenue, Jersey City. This business comprises general real estate brokerage. On

February 14, 1918, Mr. Gordon enlisted in the United States navy and was stationed at Newport, Rhode Island, as a yeoman of the second class. He was attached to the drill office and continued in this connection until June 25, 1919, when he received his honorable discharge from the service by special order of the secretary of the navy. Mr. Gordon has been deeply interested in public affairs since his boyhood, and on October 13, 1922, was appointed deputy sheriff of Hudson county, his appointment having been made by Sheriff Thomas Madigan. In this responsible position the young man is bearing a noteworthy part in community advance, and he is looked upon as one of the coming men of Jersey City. His fraternal affiliation is with Liberty Lodge, No. 4, Knights of Pythias; and D. F. Moskowitz Post, No. 47, American Legion. Mr. Gordon attends Mt. Sinai Synagogue.

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### **HAUENSTEIN, Louis C.,**

**Real Estate Operator.**

In the town of Union, New Jersey, few men are better known than is Louis C. Hauenstein, who in addition to the management of a successful real estate and insurance business there has held numerous local public offices. He is now serving as recorder, which office he has held almost continuously since 1887. He is a veteran of the Civil War.

Mr. Hauenstein was born in Germany, September 12, 1842, son of Louis C. and Barbara (Seigel) Hauenstein, both natives of Germany and both now deceased. The parents came to this country in 1857, accompanied by their fifteen year old son, Louis C., and settled first in New York City, then in the town of Union Hill, New Jersey, where for a number of years the father was identified with the Peter Brew-



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ery Company, of that town. The lad, Louis C., received his earliest education in the public schools of his native land, but completed his school training in the public schools of New York City. After beginning his business career he made a special study of law and this interest he has maintained throughout his career. When his formal education was completed, he found employment in a brewery in order that he might learn the business and later he widened his experience and his knowledge by engaging in the brewery business in Guttenberg, New Jersey. Upon the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted in the ordnance department of the 103rd New York Infantry, and later was a participant in the battles of Gettysburg and Fredericksburg. After three years and eleven months of service he was honorably discharged at Washington, District of Columbia, and he at once returned to New Jersey, going to the town of Union, New Jersey, where he entered the employ of the Bermes Brewery Company. That connection he maintained until 1880, when he established a brewery of his own in Guttenberg, New Jersey. That enterprise he successfully conducted until 1888, when he engaged in the real estate and insurance business in the town of Union, New Jersey. He has always taken an active interest in local public affairs in the town of Union and even before establishing his real estate business there, he was elected to serve as judge on the bench. That was in 1887, and since the expiration of his term as judge he has, with the exception of two terms continuously served as recorder, which position he now holds. He casts his vote independently. He was at one time mayor of the town of Union, and for eight years he served as a member of

the council. He also served for two terms as a member of the board of freeholders.

Fraternally Mr. Hauenstein is a member of Uhlane Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. He is the oldest member of the Eintracht Singing Society of Union Hill, New Jersey, in which organization he has held the office of honorary president for the past eighteen years. Mr. Hauenstein has a host of friends in the town of Union and vicinity, and is one of the best known citizens of that section of the county. He now resides at No. 123 Morgan street, in the town of Union, New Jersey.

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### NIESEN, John C.,

**Upholsterer, Interior Decorator.**

One of the most successful business men in the upholstering and interior decorating lines in Hudson county, New Jersey, is John C. Niesen, of No. 770 Park avenue, Weehawken, New Jersey. During the short time he has been in Weehawken he has built up a first-class and prosperous concern under the registered name of Niesen Brothers, which is steadily growing.

John C. Niesen is a son of John J. Niesen, a native of Guttenberg, New Jersey, who is now engaged in the upholstery business in West New York, and of Christina (Henn) Niesen, who was born in Germany.

Born in New York City, July 4, 1896, Mr. Niesen obtained his education in the public schools of New York City and of Woodcliff, New Jersey, completing his preparations for active life by a course in Stevens Institute. Upon the completion of his education, he began his business career in association with his father, who was then, as now, engaged in the upholstering business. He severed his con-



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nection with his father and became an engineer, in charge of the New York Central railroad tugs, which position he held for a period of three years. In January, 1921, he established a business of his own in Weehawken, New Jersey, as upholsterer, interior decorator and contractor. Since then he has built up a most prosperous business and is rapidly increasing his patronage, both in the city of Weehawken and the territory surrounding. In 1923 the business had grown so large that he was compelled to take in a partner and became associated with Frank W. Townsman, of West New York, but the firm is still known under the name of Niesen Brothers. They contemplate moving to larger quarters in the near future owing to the rapid increase in their business.

Upon the entrance of the United States into the World War, Mr. Niesen enlisted in the Navy Reserve for a period of four years and served throughout the period of the war, as a reserve, holding at various times the rank of chief machinist and petty officer, receiving his discharge in 1918. Politically Mr. Niesen gives his support to the principles and candidates of the party which stands for what he considers to be the best good for the public, independent of party affiliations. His vote is cast sometimes for Republican candidates and sometimes for Democratic candidates. He belongs to Lodge, No. 1456, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Weehawken, New Jersey. His religious affiliation is with the Lutheran Church of St. John, of West New York.

On February 9, 1918, John C. Niesen married Florence Tangemann, daughter of Christopher and Victoria Tangemann, and they are the parents of one daughter, Ruth, who was born July 12, 1920.

### **MOLONEY, Frank Sylvester,** **Business Man.**

Among the progressive and enterprising young men of Bayonne, New Jersey, Frank Sylvester Moloney is a prominent figure, and as an independent and prosperous dealer in meats and produce, he has won his way to large success. Mr. Moloney is a son of Thomas and Mary Moloney, his father being engaged in the same line of business for many years.

Frank Sylvester Moloney was born in Bayonne, New Jersey, August 4, 1891. His education included the usual grammar and high school courses in the public schools of Bayonne, and in the year 1910 he became identified with the present business in association with his father. Continuing in this connection until the retirement of the older man, Mr. Moloney has now for several years been at the head of the business and is carrying it forward to ever increasing success. He owns the building occupied by this store and in the near future expects to renovate and remodel the building completely from the foundation up, converting it into a thoroughly modern and up-to-date structure, finishing and equipping the store with special reference to the goods handled. With his practical experience and excellent training in the line of merchandising in which he is engaged, Mr. Moloney is giving his trade the most excellent service, and the Moloney market is considered one of the most attractive and satisfactory places to buy in the city. It is located at No. 201 Broadway. Mr. Moloney has few interests outside of his business, but is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and of St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Moloney married, at Fort Madison, Iowa, Winifred Boddeker, daughter of John and Catherine Boddeker. Mr. and

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Mrs. Moloney are the parents of three children: Frank Fortune, born June 4, 1917; Catherine, born October 15, 1918, now deceased; and James, born November 4, 1922.

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### SHULTZ, Walter C.,

**Member of Charles S. Schultz & Son.**

One of the oldest concerns in Hoboken, New Jersey, and now one of the largest of its kind in the State is the concern which operates under the name of Charles S. Shultz & Son, with which Walter C. Shultz has been associated since 1892.

Charles S. Shultz, father of Walter C. Shultz, was born in Middletown, Connecticut, and is now living in Montclair, New Jersey, at the age of eighty-four years. More than fifty years ago he established in Jersey City, New Jersey, under his own name, a concern which was notably successful in handling masons' supplies. Later, after his son Walter C., became identified with the business, the firm name was changed to its present title, Charles S. Shultz & Son. From the first location in Jersey City, the enterprise was removed to the foot of Seventh street, Hoboken, and finally to the corner of Eighteenth street and Willow avenue, Weehawken, where they are located in one of the most up-to-date yards in the State. The business is steadily growing. They have brick manufacturing plants located at Hackensack, New Jersey, and at Kingston, New York, and these branches greatly facilitate delivery to various parts of the country. Though delivery both by truck and auto is made throughout the country, the business is mostly domestic and local. Though in his eighty-fourth year (1923) Charles S. Shultz is still active. He has served as president of the Hoboken Bank of

Savings for thirty-nine years, and is still active.

Walter C. Shultz was born in Hoboken, New Jersey, July 8, 1874. He received his earlier education in the public schools of his native city. He then became a student in Hoboken Academy, from which he was graduated in 1890. He continued his studies at Columbia Institute, New York City, from which he was graduated in 1892. He began his business career in association with his father, who was engaged in the masons' supply business, and that connection he has maintained to the present time (1923). After a few years association with his father the name of the firm was changed to Charles S. Shultz & Son, and in 1918 brick manufacturing was added to the earlier interests and activities of the enterprise. As has already been related, the concern grew rapidly and branches were established in Hackensack, New Jersey, and in Kingston, New York. At the present time Mr. Walter C. Shultz is treasurer and general manager of the concern, and under his efficient management the enterprise has extended far beyond its earlier limits both in volume of output and in extent of patronage. He has also served as president of the Building Materials Exchange of New York City and of the Masons' Material Dealers' Association of New Jersey. He is well known and highly esteemed both among his business associates and among his many personal friends. He is an active member of the Hoboken Chamber of Commerce; of the Kiwanis Club, of Hoboken; and of the Young Men's Christian Association of Hoboken.

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### DROWN, Byron,

**Business Man.**

The motoring public of Hudson county, New Jersey, and vicinity is well ac-







OFFICE AND YARDS OF CHARLES S. SHULTZ & SON  
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Walter C. Shultz





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quainted with the Clinton Auto Company, Incorporated, which is located at No. 4123 The Boulevard, and with the president of this concern, Byron Drown, whose able leadership and large executive ability have carried the interest to its present preëminent position. But this concern is even more widely known, for among the tourists from a distance who motor through West Hoboken, this sales and service garage stands as a headquarters for the filling of every automobile need.

Byron Drown, president of the Clinton Auto Company, Incorporated, was born in New Hampshire, February 19, 1885, and is a son of Joseph and Sarah C. (Parker) Drown, esteemed farming people of that State, both still living. Mr. Drown received his early education in the public schools of his native State and was graduated from the high school in that section in 1904. His early business experience was in the employ of the Western Electric Company, of New York City, and he was active in this connection until the year 1913. He then became affiliated with the Studebaker Corporation, of New York City, as service manager and his two years of progressive effort in this position determined the trend of his subsequent business interests. He came to the Clinton Auto Company as superintendent in 1915, then in 1918 bought an interest in the concern, becoming president. This company was organized in the year 1908 on Clinton avenue, West Hoboken, and its progress has kept pace with the almost unbelievable growth of the automobile industry, until now, they have one of the most beautiful show rooms in the State of New Jersey, and one of the most modern and complete garage equipments to be found. They started as a general garage only, but since their removal to the present location which took place in

1910, they have done a very extensive sales business, distributing the Ford and Lincoln cars. Under Mr. Drown's leadership the enterprise has largely prospered and its continuous growth has carried it to a leading position in its field in this part of the State. Mr. Drown is broadly interested in all civic and general advance, but politically holds independent convictions, giving his allegiance to no party or candidate unqualifiedly. He is affiliated with Lodge, No. 1357, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Union Hill. Mr. Drown's associates in the Clinton Auto Company, Incorporated, are: Fred Lessig, treasurer; and Oscar Broberg, secretary.

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### ROVEGNO, John,

#### **Business Man.**

In 1910 the firm of Conlon & Company succeeded to the business of E. W. Conlon, established in a small way in 1900. The business grew under both firm names and now covers eight city lots on Newark avenue, Jersey City, employing eleven men outside the office force, also operating a fleet of auto trucks. When Conlon & Company took over the business of E. W. Conlon in 1910, a corporation was formed, Conlon & Company, with officers: Joseph Rovegno, president; Frank Rovegno, vice-president; Charles W. Rovegno, secretary-treasurer. These men are sons of John Rovegno, who came to the United States from Genoa, Italy, when a young man. Soon after his arrival he married Theresa Conveto in Our Lady of Grace Church, Hoboken, New Jersey, and founded a home in Hoboken, New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Rovegno later moved to New York City, where seven children were born to them: Catherine, wife of Joseph Oliva, of Walden, New

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York; Amelia, wife of John Gallo, of Chicago, Illinois; Mary, unmarried; Frank, married Amelia Magenti, and resides in Jersey City; Adaline, unmarried, a resident of Jersey City; Joseph, unmarried, residing in Jersey City; and Charles W., of further mention. John Rovegno was a dyer by occupation and followed his trade in New York City. The family moved from New York City to Hoboken, and then later to Jersey City, where the sons own and manage Conlon & Company, dealing in all kinds of masons' materials. They were all born in New York City, and educated in public schools and business college. They are capable, energetic business men, members of the Jersey City Chamber of Commerce, and of the Mason Materials Dealers' Association, of New Jersey.

Charles W. Rovegno is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus, the Union League Club, St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, and is manager of the Bergen Savings Bank, all of Jersey City. The other members of the family are members of the Church of Our Lady of Sorrow. The brothers also compose the personnel of the Windsor Realty Company, Charles W., president-treasurer; Frank, vice-president; and Joseph, secretary. They handle considerable real estate and are well known in the city as men of means and energy, interested in several other corporations of Jersey City and vicinity.

Conlon & Company have furnished masons' materials for some of the largest building operations in the city, especially since the beginning of the construction of the tubes and the completion of the Summit avenue station. The list includes: The Public Service office building, the fire house on Bergen and Van Nostrand avenues, the Swift & Company storage

building, the material used on the Jersey City Water Supply Line from Boonton to Jersey City, several of the city's public and high school buildings, the Bergen Central office of New York Telephone Company, the new Plaza Hotel on Sip avenue, the Knights of Columbus building at Bayonne, and many apartment and two-family houses, one of these apartment houses located at No. 630 Bergen avenue. Many others could be named that have drawn their masons' materials from Conlon & Company. The business is well established, well managed and prosperous, and the outlook for the future is as bright as the past has been satisfactory to the owners and managers.

Charles W. Rovegno married Emma Rosasco, of Brooklyn, New York.

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### BOSETTI, Guy Charles,

#### Undertaker.

One of the very well known and highly esteemed citizens of West Hoboken, New Jersey, is Guy Charles Bosetti, who for the past twenty-four years has been associated with the embalming and undertaking business, first in the employ of R. Schlemm, and since 1915 as proprietor of his own well-equipped establishment.

Mr. Bosetti was born in West Hoboken, New Jersey, February 12, 1889, a son of Louis, a retired silk weaver of West Hoboken, and Josephine (Bianchi) Bosetti, both of whom are now residents of West Hoboken. After receiving a careful and practical education in the public schools of West Hoboken and in St. Michael's Parochial School, he gained his preparation for his chosen career in the Barnes Embalming School, of New York City, and then gained his first practical experience in the employ of R. Schlemm, an undertaker of West Hoboken, with whom



*Charles L. Kregno*





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he remained for a period of seventeen years. In 1915 he established an embalming and general undertaking business of his own and since that time he has been continuously engaged in attending to the needs of his constantly growing patronage. His tact and courtesy in the conduct of funeral services as well as his long experience and his wide acquaintance in the city of West Hoboken and vicinity have enabled him to build up a very large enterprise and his many excellent qualities have won for him the approval and esteem of all those whom he has served in their times of sorrow. Mr. Bosetti has always been sincerely interested in the advancement of the public welfare and is always ready to contribute his share of time, energy and means for that purpose. During the period of the participation of the United States in the World War he was active in all the various "drives" and materially aided in carrying West Hoboken "over the top." He casts his vote independently. Fraternally he is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of the Knights of Columbus, of West Hoboken; and of other societies of Hudson county. His religious affiliation is with St. Anthony's Catholic Church, of West Hoboken. He served as sexton of St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church, of West Hoboken; Rocco Union Hill Madonna Della Libera Church, of West New York; Madonna Della Carmon Church, of Cliffside; and St. Francis' Church, of Palisade.

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### SKANTZE, Anton,

#### **Business Man.**

Among the well established business men of Hudson county is Anton Skantze, who for thirty-one years has been engaged in the business of sign painting, at

the corner, or rather on the four corners of Gregory and Montgomery streets in Jersey City, and at the present time (1923) is the oldest sign painter in Jersey City.

Anton Skantze, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Sweden, where he received a practical education and where he learned the trade of the custom shoemaker. In mature life he came to this country and located in New York City, where he died when he was about sixty years of age. He married Mary ———, who is now living in New York City, aged seventy-eight years, and they became the parents of eight children, of whom six are living. Their children are: Cecilia, deceased; Anton, of further mention; Anna; Arthur; Rose; Guimar, deceased; Laura, and Julia.

Anton Skantze, son of Anton and Mary Skantze, was born in Norway, July 4, 1875, and came to this country with his parents when he was three years of age. The family first settled in Brooklyn, New York, and there in the public schools Anton Skantze received a good practical training which was continued until he was twelve years of age. At that time the family removed to Jersey City, and the boy became a pupil in old Public School No. 1, then situated on York street, where he continued his studies for two years. At the end of that time, he then being a strong lad of thirteen years, he found his first employment with the Colgate Company. Even during his school days, however, he had on Saturdays and before and after school hours and also during vacations, been active as a newsboy, a telegraph messenger boy and also as an errand boy for the neighbors. When he was sixteen years old he resolved to learn a useful trade which would enable him to establish a business

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of his own. He chose the trade of the sign painter, which he learned with John Raff, and when he was seventeen years of age he opened a sign painting shop of his own at the corner of Gregory and Montgomery streets. That was in 1893, and during the more than three decades which have passed since that time he has been continuously and successfully engaged in that business in the same neighborhood. In fact, he has not removed from the four corners formed by the intersection of those two streets, and at the present time is located at No. 98 Montgomery street. The excellent quality of his workmanship together with his resourcefulness and artistic ability in planning useful, ornamental and appropriate signs have assured him a continually growing patronage and he has always been able to secure all the work he could handle and often more than he can attend to. Mr. Skantze finds pleasurable recreation in automobiling, and in his Nash car he explores the furthest corners of the county and makes many trips throughout the State and into other States. During his long residence in the same neighborhood in Jersey City, he has won the confidence and esteem of a host of friends, some of whom have been his neighbors for the past thirty years, but most of whom moved into that neighborhood at a later date.

Anton Skantze married, in Jersey City, New Jersey, April 11, 1894, Lucy Louise Kidney, a native of Jersey City, daughter of William and Alice (Coriel) Kidney, both of whom are deceased. Mr. and Skantze have no children.

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### VOGLER, Henry,

**Lawyer.**

During the years of practice at Union Hill, New Jersey, Henry Vogler has won

high reputation as a lawyer and the esteem of his community as a citizen. He came to the New Jersey bar in 1908, and the years have brought him a large clientele whom he serves with an intelligent zeal that has won both their confidence and respect. He is a son of Isadore and Augusta (Birnbaum) Vogler, and grandson of Samuel Vogler, who lived and died in Austria, Europe. Isadore Vogler resided in Newark, New Jersey, and later in the town of Union, Hudson county, where he was a member of the Board of Education. He was long a resident of Hudson county and there passed away June 23, 1919. Mrs. Augusta Vogler was a member of the Birnbaum family, a prominent Hebrew family, of Union Hill, New Jersey, they having resided in that town for over half a century, being one of the oldest Hebrew families in the vicinity, having grown and prospered with the vicinity.

Henry Vogler was born in Newark, New Jersey, April 24, 1887, but soon afterward his family moved to West Hoboken, where they resided about four years, after which Union Hill, New Jersey, became the family home. There he attended the public school, finishing with graduation from high school in the year 1905. Choosing the profession of law, he prepared in the law department of New York University, and in November, 1908, was admitted to the New Jersey bar as an attorney. He began practice at Union Hill, was admitted as a counsellor-at-law in February, 1912, and has continued in the general practice of law at Union Hill, until the present.

In politics Mr. Vogler is a Democrat, and is a member of the Masonic order, affiliated with Marshall Lodge, No. 848, Free and Accepted Masons, of New York City; and with the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, of Jersey City. He is a



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Noble of Salaam Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and is a member of the North Hudson County Lawyers' Club.

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### **NUNGESSER, Charles J.,**

**Realtor, Insurance Operator.**

When George Nungesser came from Germany to the United States he settled in New York City, but later moved to Hudson county, New Jersey, where he resided in the Guttenberg section. He was a butcher by trade, but later became a dealer in Hudson county real estate and moved to Union Hill, residing there until his death. He enlisted in the Union army at the beginning of the war between the States, and served until the close. George Nungesser married Mary Snyder, also born in Germany, and they were the parents of Charles J. Nungesser, of Weehawken, New Jersey, whose name furnishes the caption of this review.

Charles J. Nungesser was born in New York City, September 28, 1868, and attended the public schools of that city until the removal of the family to New Jersey, there finishing in the Guttenberg schools. At the age of fourteen he began learning the plumber's trade and for five years was so engaged. He then spent four years in the employ of the Domestic Spring Bed Company, of Jersey City, as a salesman, going from that position to the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, where he remained until the year 1900, as a solicitor. From the Metropolitan he transferred to the Colonial Life Insurance Company, but one year later, in 1901, he left that company and went with the New York Life Insurance Company as general agent, remaining with them until 1902, when he left to engage in the real estate business, opening offices on

Garden street, Union Hill. He was a successful insurance man and served the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company as agent, assistant superintendent, and superintendent. He has now been engaged in the real estate business for twenty years in different locations, and is well established and widely known as a successful, reliable dealer. He is now located at No. 788 Park avenue, Weehawken, conducting a prosperous real estate and insurance business. He is an Independent politically, and a member of Franklin Street Lutheran Church.

Mr. Nungesser married, December 6, 1892, Elizabeth Kaiser, born in West Hoboken.

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### **KLASSEN, August,**

**Chief of Police.**

In every city much of the happiness and safety of the inhabitants as well as much of the moral welfare of the young, depends upon the faithfulness and efficiency of those who are entrusted with the enforcement of the laws. Especially is it necessary that the chief of the force employed to do the actual work of bringing to justice those who transgress, be both courageous and faithful. Since 1904 August Klassen has been one of the efficient members of the police force of Weehawken, New Jersey, and since 1921 he has held the responsible position of chief of police.

Born in Germany, in 1872, Mr. Klassen received a practical education in the public schools of his native district and then came to the United States while still but a young boy. He settled first in New York City, where he found his first employment with the Third Avenue Railway Company, with whom he remained for several years. In 1899, however, he re-

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solved to make a change and removed to Weehawken, New Jersey, where he soon became associated with the police department. That connection he has continuously maintained to the present time (1923). In 1915, having thoroughly demonstrated both his ability and faithfulness, Mr. Klassen was made a sergeant of the police department and after faithfully discharging the duties of that position for six years, he was promoted to the responsible position of chief of police of Weehawken in 1921. During the past two years he has fully demonstrated his administrative and executive ability, as well as his faithfulness and his thorough acquaintance with the devious ways of the lawbreakers of the city of Weehawken. He has materially increased the safety and the sense of security of the residents of the city and has added much to its moral atmosphere by faithful and conscientious discharge of his duties. Mr. Klassen is a progressive and public-spirited citizen. He casts his vote independently, keeping himself free to cast the weight of his influence in favor of whatever candidate he feels is best fitted to fill the position. He is very active in all civic affairs in the city of Weehawken and during the World War was an energetic worker in all the many drives and campaigns conducted for the advancement of the war work. He is president of the North Hudson Police Mutual Aid Association, which office he has held for the past ten years; charter member (1911) of Palisade Lodge, No. 84, Free and Accepted Masons; of Jefferson Lodge, No. 125, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; of the International Chiefs' Association of the United States and Canada; the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police; Patrolman's Benevolent Association, of Weehawken,

New Jersey (local); the International Police Conference; and of the International Bureau of Traffic Police. His religious affiliation is with the Lutheran church.

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### KAVANAGH, William A., Lawyer.

Among the representative members of the legal profession in Hudson county is William A. Kavanagh, whose offices are located in the Steneck building, No. 95 River street, Hoboken. He has been engaged in practice since March, 1915, and has built up an important clientele.

Born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1885, Mr. Kavanagh is a son of James Kavanagh, a native of Ireland, who came to this country during early manhood and was engaged in business in Hudson county, New Jersey, to the time of his death, and of Anna (Archer) Kavanagh, also a native of Ireland, now deceased.

William A. Kavanagh was brought to this country by his parents when he was six years of age. He attended Public School No. 1, of Hoboken, the parochial school of Our Lady of Grace, from which he graduated, then became a student in St. Peter's College High School, Jersey City, New Jersey, from which he graduated in 1903, then entered Seton Hall College, South Orange, New Jersey, from which he graduated in 1907. He then engaged in teaching Latin and English and Elocution in the Hoboken High School, and while engaged in teaching he entered Fordham Law School, 1910, from which he graduated in 1912. He resigned in 1915 from the High School to take up the practice of law. In March, 1918, he opened an office in the Steneck building in Hoboken. In both lines of professional activities he has been notably successful, and he has



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won the confidence and esteem of a large clientele.

Politically he gives his support to the Democratic party, and he is rendering efficient service as assistant corporation attorney of the city of Hoboken. Fraternally he is affiliated with Hoboken Lodge, No. 74, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and with Hoboken Council, No. 159, Knights of Columbus. He is also a member of the Catholic Club of New York City; and his religious affiliation is with the Church of Our Lady of Grace, of Hoboken, New Jersey.

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### **MUHLENBECK, Charles,**

#### **Public Official.**

For many years identified with various branches of business endeavor in Hudson county, New Jersey, Charles Muhlenbeck has for the past three years served in the important capacity of tax collector of West Hoboken. A man of large ability, and broadly conversant with public affairs, Mr. Muhlenbeck has long been a prominent figure in this community, and is highly esteemed both as a man and as a citizen. He is a son of Charles and Marie (Grage) Muhlenbeck, both now deceased, the father formerly prominent in business circles in Hoboken.

Charles Muhlenbeck was born at Hoboken, New Jersey, January 28, 1877. He acquired a practical education in the local public and high schools, and his first business experience was in the employ of a cutlery importing house in New York City, with which he was connected for eleven years. This was the well known concern of Wilbursch & Hilger. Thereafter, Mr. Muhlenbeck entered the coffee business in an independent way at No. 99 Ogden avenue, Jersey City, and was thus engaged until 1911, when he retired

from this field of business endeavor. He then became identified with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, as their representative in West Hoboken, and was active along this line until his election to the office of tax collector, the duties of which he took up in 1920. Mr. Muhlenbeck has always been an independent voter, and for this reason, if no other, his election to this responsible office was a significant appraisal of the character of the man and the esteem in which he is held in this community. He is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, and a leader in all progressive effort, civic, patriotic and benevolent.

Charles Muhlenbeck married, in West Hoboken, Augusta Schaefer, daughter of Werner Schaefer, paying teller in Schwarzenbach, Huber & Company's plant, prominent silk manufacturers. Mr. and Mrs. Muhlenbeck are the parents of four children: Charles, Henry, Raymond and Harold.

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### **TOTMAN, Henry Frederick,**

#### **Musician.**

The career of Henry Frederick Totman is one of especial interest to the people of Hudson county, New Jersey, where his work as a violin soloist and director is well known. He takes rank with the foremost artists of the day in concert and orchestra work, and added to his faultless technique is a rare sympathy in interpretation which gives his public appearances a charm all their own. Born and reared in the State of Maine, Mr. Totman has enjoyed the advantages of instruction under some of the best American masters.

Mr. Totman was born at Phippsburg, Maine, April 26, 1884, and is a son of Elisha and Helen (Wallace) Totman, who are both still living, his father a con-

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tractor and builder of note in Maine. Mr. Totman's formal education was received in the public schools of his native State, but beyond the grades his studies were arranged wholly with regard to his progress in music. Early giving evidence of unusual musical talent, Mr. Totman was placed under competent instructors at the age of six years, in 1890, and ten years later entered the Eastern School of Music, at Portland, Maine. Then, for several years, he was active in concert work, after which, in 1904, he entered Hebron Academy, at Hebron, Maine, for special courses in musical history, harmony, English and Latin. During the three following years he played solo violin and mandolin on the road in Lyceum, with the noted Palmer-Stanley Company. Thereafter, for several years, Mr. Totman devoted his time to the organization of theatre orchestras, and work of this general nature, appearing locally as concert and violin soloist, also teaching. During 1913 he played solo violin in a festival orchestra, traveling throughout New England. During that time he was studying in Boston under a former concert master of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, now soloist of symphony. Mr. Totman next entered the Boston Conservatory of Music, taking up all instruments, with special courses in harmony, theory, arranging, directing and ensemble. In 1914 he came to New York City, then shortly afterward located in Hoboken, where he established a school of music on Washington street, Hoboken. He is still at the head of this institution, which ranks very high in the musical world of to-day. He has three and four teachers constantly active, and many advanced pupils come to him for the finished technique which his own work so clearly shows. He has many pupils playing for phonographic repro-

duction who are winning fame in this field and commanding large salaries. He still does arranging and orchestration, and is widely sought as a director and as a soloist. Mr. Totman has few interests outside his work, and although broadly interested in the general advance, has never thus far accepted any public responsibilities, and in political matters holds independent convictions. Making his home in Hoboken, he appears at concerts and festivals throughout the East and Middle West.

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### WELLER, William George,

#### Public Accountant.

William George Weller, public accountant, of Jersey City, New Jersey, son of William John and Rose (Swait) Weller, was born in Brooklyn, New York, November 5, 1885, and in that city was educated in the public schools and received private courses of instruction in accounting. In 1899, at the age of fourteen, he entered upon his business career, beginning as a cash boy in a New York mercantile house. He remained with that firm seven years, rising through several promotions to the position of bookkeeper. He then became identified with public accounting as a profession, locating in Jersey City, where he is also engaged in the real estate and insurance business. Since 1911 he has been secretary of the Central Building and Loan Association, of Jersey City, and, until resigning in May, 1923, he was a director of the Highland Trust Company, of West Hoboken, New Jersey.

In politics Mr. Weller is a Republican, and always has been actively interested in local public affairs. He served West Hoboken as councilman two years, as town treasurer two years, and is now serving his fourth year as mayor, having



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been first chosen in 1919, and again in 1921. Mr. Weller is a member of the Masonic order, affiliated with Doric Lodge, No. 86, Free and Accepted Masons; is a life member of the New Jersey Consistory; Sovereign Prince of the Royal Secret, thirty-second degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He is also a life-member of Salaam Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Newark, New Jersey; of Zem Zem Grotto, of Jersey City; of Hoboken Lodge, No. 74, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; member of the National League of Masonic Clubs, and Hudson County Shrine Club; in an honorary member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and of the New Jersey Patrolmen's Benevolent Association; member of the Yountakah Country Club of Nutley, New Jersey; the Lincoln Association; and the Inter-Allied Club, of West Hoboken. His church relation is with St. John's Protestant Episcopal of West Hoboken.

Mr. Weller married, in West Hoboken, New Jersey, June 28, 1923, Catherine T. Aimone, daughter of Carlo A. and Colomba Aimone.

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### LOW, Joseph D.,

**Realtor, Soldier in World War.**

Mr. Low, now well established in the real estate business in West Hoboken, New Jersey, reviews a life of great variety, incident and adventure that has taken him to all parts of the United States, to Canada, Prince Edwards Island, and when the need came for men to uphold the honor of Old Glory on foreign fields he went overseas and there added to his already rich fund of experience. He is of New England birth, son of a Boston banker, his parents, Peter and Angeline (Terrazzano) Low.

Joseph D. Low was born in 1888 and was educated in the public schools. He early began cultivating the musical talent he possessed and developed such a decided love and ability that he was given a special musical education. He became an accomplished musician and for several years after completing his musical education he traveled all over the Eastern States at the head of his own band and orchestra, giving concerts. He then entered the theatrical business with La Barre Brothers' Minstrels, and Collier's Great London Shows, traveling with these shows all over the United States and Canada. After retiring from the show business he was for a time associated with his father in Boston and later engaged in the real estate business in New England, continuing until 1913, when he removed to Newark, New Jersey, and engaged in the same business.

In 1917, when the United States declared war against Germany, Mr. Low enlisted in the United States army and served as bandmaster of the 32nd Regiment engineers' band, going overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces and serving eighteen months in England and France. Upon his return to the United States he located in West Hoboken, where he again entered the real estate business. Among the many civic and social organizations that Mr. Low is a member of are the following: Chairman of the North Hudson district of the Real Estate Board of Hudson County; member of the Real Estate Board of Hudson County; governor of the Multiple Listing Exchange of the Real Estate Board of Hudson County; member of the Real Estate League of New Jersey; member of the National Association of Real Estate Boards. President of the W. Gonzales, Inc.; president of the L. & B. Realty Company; president of the Summit Avenue

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Improvement Company; member of the Summit Avenue Business Men's Association; member of the Lions Club of West Hoboken; ex-senior vice-commander of West Hoboken Post, No. 14, American Legion; commissaire intendant of Hudson County *Voiture La Société Des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux*; past treasurer of West Hoboken Nest, No. 1610, Order of Owls; member of Lodge No. 1357, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; member of the Foresters of America, Court North Hudson No. 41.

In politics Mr. Low is a Democrat and has been very active in party work. He is financial secretary of the Jeffersonian Democratic Club of West Hoboken, and a member of the First and Second Ward Democratic Clubs of West Hoboken. Mr. Low is looked upon as one of the leaders of the Democratic party in North Hudson. In church relation he is a member of the Monastery Roman Catholic Church of West Hoboken.

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### HINNERS, J. Albert,

#### Business Man.

Through his own energy and ability J. Albert Hinners has risen from the position of grocery clerk to that of treasurer of one of the leading publishing concerns of the metropolitan district of Hudson county, New Jersey. Along this path, which was beset by the inevitable difficulties attending any upward struggle, Mr. Hinners gained breadth of vision as well as breadth of experience, and his influence in the business world and also in the public advance of the city of which he is a prominent figure, is always for progress.

John Albert Hinners, Mr. Hinners' father, was born in Germany, and came to America alone as a young lad, landing in New York City. Courageously, and

with the integrity that builds for permanence, he met all the problems of the friendless stranger in a strange land, and came to Jersey City in the year 1892, as a successful business man, his field of effort that of the salesman. Here he died at the age of sixty-three years, honored and esteemed by all who knew him. The mother, Johanna (Wiese) Hinners, was born in the State of Massachusetts, and died in Jersey City in 1897, at the age of forty-five years. They were the parents of nine children, of whom six are now living: Lucy; J. Albert, of further mention; Althea, Gertrude, Sophia, and Rosalie.

J. Albert Hinners was born in New York City, February 26, 1873. His education was received in the public schools of the metropolis of America, and when still a young lad he struck out for himself, securing a position in the employ of a leading grocer of Brooklyn. Not long afterward he became a plumber's helper, also in the city of Brooklyn, then in 1892 came to Jersey City, where for several years he followed the same general line of activity. In 1898 Mr. Hinners identified himself with the printing business, which he has made his permanent interest. First as the successor of William Pairson, he conducted a long established business at No. 531 Newark avenue, Jersey City, and continued as the head of this enterprise for about sixteen years. He then associated himself with the Herald Company, of which he became, and still is, treasurer. Mr. Hinners has given to the progress of this publication the force of a progressive and far-sighted executive, and in his responsible position has borne a definite relation to the constant extension of the usefulness and influence of this paper. His ability places him among the really noteworthy men of the day in Jersey City. He is a member of the local

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Chamber of Commerce, and the Lions Club. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Knights of Pythias, the Foresters of America, and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. His leisure interests are wide, for he still retains his enthusiasm for base ball, in which he excelled as a lad in school, but for the past twenty-five years he has devoted much of his time and attention to the affairs of the city and the commonwealth, and he is considered one of the constructive forces in the public advance to-day. He served on the excise board under Mayor Wittpenn, and has filled many minor offices—accepting the less conspicuous responsibilities which nevertheless entail ceaseless attention,—and leaving the great honors to those who choose the limelight. He is a member of St. Mary's Protestant Episcopal Church.

J. Albert Hinnners married, in Jersey City, on June 18, 1905, Ella Clark, who was born in this city, and is a daughter of James and Charlotte (Edelstein) Clark, who both died in Jersey City.

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### PAONESSA, Ralph D.,

**Lawyer, Served in World War.**

A native of Italy, but coming to America in his childhood and receiving his educational training in the metropolis of the United States, Ralph D. Paonessa is now one of the prominent figures in the younger group of professional men in Hudson county, New Jersey, with offices at Union. Mr. Paonessa is a son of Saverio and Raffæla (Beamonte) Paonessa, both now deceased.

Ralph D. Paonessa was born in Italy, September 9, 1892. Five years of age when he came with his parents to the United States and the family settling in

New York, his education was begun in the public schools of that city. He is a graduate of Morris High School of New York City, class of 1911, and following the necessary preparatory work, he entered the law school of Columbia University, then completed his legal studies at the New Jersey Law School in Newark, New Jersey, from which he was graduated in the class of 1916, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Admitted to the bar of New Jersey in February, 1917, Mr. Paonessa opened his offices for the practice of his profession, but his career was interrupted almost at the outset by his enlistment for service in the World War in the 78th Division. During his entire period of service he was identified with the Intelligence Department. Upon his return to civilian life, Mr. Paonessa opened offices at the State Capitol Theater building at Union, New Jersey, and in the few years which have since elapsed, he has won an assured footing in the profession. He was admitted as counsellor in November, 1922, and with his steadily growing practice and his natural ability, his friends are confident that the future holds for him large and increasing success. Mr. Paonessa supports the Republican party in political matters of both local and wider import, but while a worker in its ranks, he has never thus far accepted the honors or emoluments of office. He is one of those progressive, forward-looking young men of sane ideas and stable character to whom the world looks for permanent and definite usefulness.

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### BERRY, Howard E.,

**Y. M. C. A. Secretary.**

As secretary of the Railroad Young Men's Christian Association, Mr. Berry has been in charge of the branch on Washington street, Hoboken, New Jer-



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sey, since 1920. He was born at Bar Harbor, Maine, March 4, 1883, son of James E. and Mary J. (Marshall) Berry. His father, who is now dead, was a merchant and conducted a prosperous business at Bar Harbor for many years. Mr. Berry's mother is still living. She is a member of a family that has long been identified with the business and social life of New England.

Mr. Berry received his education in the public schools of his native city. After his graduation from high school he decided to begin his business career as an employe of the United States Post Office at Bar Harbor. He had a natural aptitude for work of a financial and secretarial nature and he found his duties in the post office both interesting and agreeable. He spent six years in the postal service and then received an offer from the Young Men's Christian Association which was at that time in need of a secretary for one of its branches. After careful consideration he decided to accept this offer and accordingly resigned his position at the post office. He had an active sympathy for the Young Men's Christian Association and had always taken a great interest in its work. He was, therefore, able to bring to his new position not only business qualifications of the highest order, but also that enthusiasm for his work which leads a man to devote all his energies to the accomplishment of it. He met with success as boys' work secretary of the "Y" at Binghamton, New York, and has ever since maintained his connection with the organization, although he has since been stationed at many other places. In 1920 he came to Hoboken as secretary of the Railroad Young Men's Christian Association, on Washington street, and this position he now holds. His compelling personality and hearty coöperation have enabled him to

build up the membership of the local branch and to make its work as a constructive agency more powerful. A great believer in the principle of "a sound mind in a sound body," he takes especial pride in the recreational and health-building facilities of the railroad "Y" and spares no pains to make the various courses in physical education and the athletic events as interesting and helpful as possible. The courses of a more academic nature are also carefully planned, and there is abundant opportunity for the members of the organization to meet one another and to become acquainted with other young people through well-arranged social meetings and events. Mr. Berry has won for himself a secure place in the respect and affection of the community, and his personal popularity is of great help to him in the furtherance of "Y" work and aims.

In religious faith Mr. Berry is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, of Hoboken. He takes an active part in the work of this congregation and is a member of many of the lay organizations connected with the church. He is a Mason and belongs to Puritan Lodge, No. 185, of Hoboken. In politics he is an Independent and believes in the principles of progress applied to political and economic problems, and in the necessity of constructive and far-sighted legislative policies for the proper development of national life.

Mr. Berry is married and has two young sons. He resides at No. 29 Waverly Place, Passaic, New Jersey.

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### GREENE, Andrew Clum,

#### Business Man.

For more than thirty-four years Andrew Clum Greene has been identified with the business life of Jersey City, New

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Jersey. Since 1893 he has been associated with The New Jersey Title Guarantee & Trust Company, of which he is now third vice-president.

Augustus Browning Greene, father of Mr. Greene, was born in Charlestown, Rhode Island, September 12, 1833, and died in Tivoli, New York, September 1, 1906. He was a seaman and a descendant of General Nathaniel Greene of Revolutionary fame. He married Mary Clum, born at Germantown, New York, January 31, 1838, died July 11, 1895, descendant of an old Holland-Dutch family; and they were the parents of three children, of whom only Andrew Clum Greene survives.

Andrew Clum Greene, son of Augustus Browning and Mary (Clum) Greene, was born in Germantown, New York, October 31, 1871, and received his early school training in his native town. When he was eighteen years of age he removed to Jersey City and became a student in Drake's Business College, from which he was graduated. He found his first employment with the C. A. Woolsey Paint and Color Company, and later enlarged his experience by association with the Wallis Iron Works. His next position was with the United States Express Company. On February 6, 1893, he began his long connection with the New Jersey Title Guarantee and Trust Company, in the capacity of assistant bookkeeper, and during the thirty years which have passed since that time his progress has been steady. He was made teller, then assistant secretary, assistant treasurer, then secretary and treasurer, and finally was elected to fill his present official position, that of third vice-president of the bank. Mr. Greene is well known and highly esteemed not only among his business associates, but among a host of personal friends. He is a baseball enthusiast and

for quiet hours of recreation finds much pleasure and profit in reading. His religious affiliation is with the Emery Methodist Episcopal Church of Jersey City, of which he was formerly treasurer and which he has served as a member of the board of trustees for many years.

On October 2, 1892, at North German-town, New York, Andrew Clum Greene married Eunice Clark Barringer, daughter of Jacob and Maria (Miller) Barringer, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Greene are the parents of two children: Naomi, who died in infancy; and Elmer Andrew, who was born April 27, 1897, and is now associated with the Anchor Coast Iron Works, of New York City. He married Edith Bennett, and they have a son, Dudley Greene.

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### PAISLEY, James F.,

#### Druggist.

Devoting his life to useful activities after comprehensive preparation for the responsibilities involved, James F. Paisley has won an enviable position in the business world of Weehawken, New Jersey, as druggist of this community. Mr. Paisley comes of prominent Canadian family and was himself born in that country. His active lifetime has been principally spent in the State of New Jersey and he has become widely known in the general field of activity in which he is now engaged. Robert Paisley, Mr. Paisley's father, was born in Canada and has spent his life in agricultural pursuits in that country, still being active along this line of endeavor. The mother, Elizabeth (Terry) Paisley, is also a native of Canada and still living.

James F. Paisley was born in the Province of Ontario, Canada, November 2, 1872. His education was begun in the public schools of that section and as a

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young lad he secured a position in a drug store, where he was employed for one year. Determining upon making this his life work, Mr. Paisley came to Newark, New Jersey, and was employed along the same line for three years, then going to New York City, he entered the New York College of Pharmacy and was graduated in the class of 1900. Mr. Paisley was employed in leading drug stores in New York City and Newark, and this gave him good pharmacy experience, which he applied to his own drug store. In the year 1902 Mr. Paisley opened his business in Weehawken, locating at the corner of Park avenue and Highwood Terrace, where he has since done a steadily increasing business, attaining an eminent position in his chosen field. He now has a very attractive and up-to-date establishment and keeping in close touch with the movement of the times in his general line, he not only meets the needs of the people but anticipates them and is numbered among the broadly progressive men of the day in Hudson county. Interested in all that pertains to the public advance, Mr. Paisley holds independent convictions in political affairs. Fraternally he is affiliated with Doric Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of West Hoboken. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club of North Hudson, and White Beeches Golf and Country Club, and attends the Episcopal church of Weehawken, New Jersey.

James F. Paisley married, in Ontario, Canada, on October 28, 1904, Emily Stewart, who was born in that section, and they have one son, James F., Jr.

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### EICHNER, Walter R.,

Member of Eichner's, Inc.

One of the leading paint and hardware concerns of Hudson county is that of

Eichner's, Inc., of Hoboken, of which Ferdinand Eichner is president; Percy Eichner is vice-president; and Walter R. Eichner is secretary and treasurer.

The business was founded in 1855 under the name of Schlosser & Schmidt, which title was changed in 1863 to that of Charles Schmidt, to Charles Schmidt & Company in 1873, and still later, in 1886, when Ferdinand Eichner, one of the partners in the business, secured control, was changed to F. Eichner. In 1922 the firm style was changed to Walter R. Eichner Company, but in 1923 it became Eichner's, Inc., with the father as president, and the two sons, Percy and Walter R., filling the offices of vice-president and secretary and treasurer. The concern handles a full line of paints, wall papers, hardware and household furnishings, and has become one of the leading concerns of Hoboken.

Ferdinand Eichner, father of the younger members of the firm, was born in Berlin, Germany, but came to this country at the age of seven, the family settling in Hoboken, New Jersey, where he has attained notable success in the business as has already been related. Fraternally he is an advanced member of the Free and Accepted Masons; Lodge No. 74, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Hoboken; and of several other organizations. His religious affiliation is with the German Lutheran church, of Hoboken, in the work of which he takes an active part. He serves as treasurer of the church organization and donated the church library.

Ferdinand Eichner married Caroline Walther, born in New York City, and they are the parents of three sons: 1. Percy, who received his education in Hoboken Academy and in Stevens Institute of Technology, and is now vice-president



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of Eichman's, Inc., served in the United States navy during the World War; he is a member of Lodge, No. 630, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of East Orange; and of the Kiwanis Club of Hoboken. 2. Walter R., born in Hoboken, New Jersey; received his education in the Hoboken Academy, from which he was graduated, and is now secretary and treasurer of Eichner's, Inc.; he gives his support to the Republican party, and fraternally is affiliated with Euclid Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Hoboken. He is a member of the Episcopal church. 3. Edward R., graduated from Lehigh University, 1902, with the degree of civil engineer; he is now serving as construction engineer for the Eastern Division of the Standard Oil Company of New York; married Ida Mills, and they are the parents of two children, Robert and Edward.

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### LUGOSCH, Joseph D.,

#### Architect.

With offices at No. 21 Bergenline avenue, Union, New Jersey, Joseph D. Lugosch is taking a very interesting and practical part in the community advance in the profession of architecture. Trained for his work in the institutions of his native Germany and familiar with the marvelous architecture of the Old World, Mr. Lugosch brought to this country a large ability which, as a foundation for an expensive training, has counted far for the beauty and stability of the physical growth and development of the communities of Hudson county.

Joseph D. Lugosch was born in Germany, August 21, 1872. His education was begun in the public schools of his native land and he later attended the College of Hildburghausen and the College

of Charlottenburg and was graduated in architecture. Coming to America in 1900, Mr. Lugosch was active in his profession in the employ of some of the leading architects of New York City until 1905, when he took the examinations of the State board and established his own office in the town of Union. He has been largely successful and has designed important buildings not only in this community, but in many of the nearby towns and cities. Some of the local structures for which he drew the plans include: the Union High School, the Roosevelt School, the Union Hill Elks' Club, St. John's Church, the rector's residence of the Catholic church, the Hudson Insurance Company, the Manhattan building, the Harvard Office building, and others. Mr. Lugosch takes a leading part in all movements for civic or community welfare and is well known in fraternal circles as a member of Palisade Lodge, No. 84, Free and Accepted Masons; and of Union Hill Lodge, No. 1357, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is identified with the American Institute of Architects, and the Kiwanis Club.

Mr. Lugosch married, on October 15, 1905, at Union Hill, Anna D. Ruefer. Mr. and Mrs. Lugosch are the parents of three children: Joseph, a student at Steven's Institute; Dorothy, attending high school; and Karl.

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### SCHUMANN, Ernst,

#### Business Man.

One of the leading business men of Highwood Park section of Hudson county is Ernst Schumann, roofing contractor, who has been identified with that line of business activity from the beginning of his active business career.

William Schumann, father of Mr. Schu-

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mann, was born in Germany in 1830, and died in 1917. Throughout his active life to the time of his retirement he was engaged in the sheet metal and roofing business, all of that time in Germany. He married Henriette Schumann, who was born March 11, 1831, and died in 1882.

Ernst Schumann, son of William and Henriette (Schumann) Schumann, was born in Belgern-on-Elbe, Germany, March 23, 1864, and after receiving a practical education in the public schools of his native district, finished his preparation for an active career by taking a course in a business school in Berlin. When his school training was completed, he engaged in the sheet roofing and contracting business with his father, in Germany until 1882, and then changed his place of residence and of business activity, removing to Berlin, where he continued in the same line of work for a period of five years. At the end of that period, having thoroughly learned his trade and completed his time as an apprentice and journeyman, he came to this country, in 1887, finding employment first in New York City, where he continued to work at his trade until 1900. In that year he engaged in the roofing and contracting business for himself and soon had developed a business which requires the services of from ten to eighteen men at a time. He filled many roofing contracts for the residents of the Highwood Park section in Hudson county, and finally removed his entire business to that locality, where he is now one of the leading business men of the section. He has filled some very large contracts in that vicinity and in connection with his regular roofing work does a large amount of copper work. In political matters Mr. Schumann is an Independent. He is a member of the Union Hill Turners' So-

ciety, and his religious association is with the Lutheran church of Union Hill, New Jersey. Mr. Schumann is well known among his many friends and associates as an able and energetic business man and a loyal citizen.

On May 11, 1890, in New York City, Ernst Schumann married Clara Krueger, who was born January 1, 1870, in Germany, daughter of August Krueger, a native of Germany, who was engaged in the bookbinding business in Germany and in the United States, and during his later years, from 1882 to the time of his death, was engaged in educational work, and of Minnie (Hirsch) Krueger, also a native of Germany, who died in 1904. Mr. and Mrs. Schumann are the parents of four children: Anna, born in 1893, married in 1912, Andrew Wenneis; William, born in 1895, married Catharine Grotch in 1919; Jeannette, born in 1898, married J. Callahan; and Florence, born in 1903, resides at home.

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### MITCHELL, James,

**Builder.**

Prominent in construction activities in Jersey City, New Jersey, James Mitchell is achieving marked success, and in his endeavors is also contributing in no small degree to the welfare of the people and the progress of the civic body. Mr. Mitchell is of Scottish descent, and is a grandson of James Mitchell, who came to the United States from Scotland in the year 1848. Robert B. Mitchell, son of the pioneer and father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Brooklyn, New York, and is still living, having spent the greater part of his lifetime in construction pursuits. He married Eliza Cowie, who was born in Scotland, and is now deceased, their three children being: James, whose name en-



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titles this sketch; Ethel, wife of Edmund Adrian, of Scarsdale, New York; and Robert, deceased.

James Mitchell was born in the city of Brooklyn, New York, October 31, 1887. His education was begun in the public schools of that city and continued at Newport News, Virginia, where the family removed in his boyhood. After the completion of his studies he mastered the trade of carpenter and builder, and at the age of twenty-two years he entered the contracting field in an independent way, establishing himself in New York City, under the firm name of Mitchell & Ewell. In the year 1914 he removed to Jersey City, and has since gone forward under the title of James Mitchell, Incorporated, with offices during the earlier years of his activity in Jersey City, at No. 76 Montgomery street, but latterly at No. 999 Bergen avenue. Mr. Mitchell has won a gratifying degree of success, and in his position as a leading contractor of Jersey City, is a noteworthy figure in the business life of Hudson county. He is a member of the Jersey City Chamber of Commerce, of which he is also a director, and is affiliated with the local world of finance as a director of The Union Trust and Hudson County National Bank, and the Bergen National Bank. He is also a director of the Carteret Building and Loan Association, and vice-president of the Building Trades Employees' Association. Fraternally Mr. Mitchell is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is prominent in the leading clubs of the city, including the Carteret, Union League and Kiwanis. His choice of leisure interests takes him into the out-door world, and he is a well-known member of the Schackamaxon Golf Club, this game being his favorite pastime. He is a member of the Roman Catholic church.

James Mitchell married, at the Scheidecker family home on Hastings avenue, in Hudson, New York, in the year 1913, Emelia Scheidecker, daughter of Charles and Lena Scheidecker, both her parents now deceased. Mr. and Mrs Mitchell are the parents of three children: Jean, born in 1914; Claire, born in 1916; and Marilyn, born in 1920.

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### BADARACCO, Caesar A.,

#### Real Estate Operator.

Largely successful in the real estate and insurance agency and brokerage field, and active also as an operator in real estate, Caesar A. Badaracco is a broad, noteworthy figure in the business circles of the city of Hoboken, New Jersey, and is doing much, not only for the physical growth and development of this city, but also for the economic security of the citizens. In all his dealings, a high standard of service, moral responsibility, and a conscientious effort to be true to all parties concerned is the prevailing object. Mr. Badaracco is the son of Giovanni Badaracco, who was born in the Province of Genoa, Italy, and came to the United States as a very young man and settled for a time in New York City, where he was successful. In the early nineties he removed his residence from New York City to Upper Bloomfield street, Hoboken, and after retiring from active business in 1900, he departed this life in 1910. The mother, Catherine (Biggini) Badaracco, was also born in the Province of Genoa, Italy, and is still living.

Caesar A. Badaracco was born in Hoboken, New Jersey, August 25, 1895. His education was begun in the Academy of the Sacred Heart of Hoboken, and after completing the course at that institution, he continued at Stevens Preparatory School, also of Hoboken, New Jersey. In



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the year 1913, Mr. Badaracco became interested in the real estate and insurance business and during the subsequent period has been very active along this line. For five years he was associated with various large real estate and insurance offices, both in New York and in New Jersey, thereby receiving considerable experience in the different methods of appraising, renting, selling, buying, and the proper methods of developing various properties. As to the insurance branch of his business he also was in a position to gain considerable experience as to the proper coverages to be applied to each individual risk or property, being at one time manager of a large office situated in New York City, and transacting various contracts of insurance on property situated in New Jersey. After this training he established his own offices in the Steneck building, No. 95 River street, Hoboken, but later due to the urgent need for larger offices, he removed to his present offices at No. 89 Washington street, which is the Northeast corner of Washington and Newark streets and directly opposite the City Hall of Hoboken. Mr. Badaracco handles very large interests in the real estate field, and in the insurance line represents many of the leading insurance companies, both fire and casualty, there being no branch or form that he cannot handle. He has quite an extensive equipment to render his standard of insurance service to all his clients, and is ever willing to increase and better this equipment in order that the clients receive only the best of service. Therefore it is easy to understand why he is commanding the respect and confidence of all who come in contact with his work. Mr. Badaracco holds independent convictions, and gives his support and aid to all worthy progress. He is a member of Hoboken Council, No. 159, Knights

of Columbus; the Real Estate Board of Hudson County, New Jersey; the National Association of Real Estate Boards, the Hudson County Underwriters Association, the New Jersey Association of Underwriters, the Lions Club, and of course is licensed by the State of New Jersey to transact his real estate and insurance business. His religious affiliation is with the Roman Catholic Church of the Lady of Grace.

Mr. Badaracco married Katherine Finnerty, who was also born in Hoboken, a daughter of Thomas A. Finnerty, Sr., who was born in Ireland, and is one of the superintendents of the Hackensack Water Company. The mother, Mary (Burke) Finnerty, was also born in Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Badaracco are the parents of one daughter, Grace Mary, born January 26, 1918, who has also started her education, as did her father, at the Academy of the Sacred Heart.

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### DUNHAM, Frederick,

#### Civil Engineer.

A leading figure in the field of civil engineering in Jersey City and the entire northern section of the State is Frederick Dunham, who has been identified with some of the most important big construction work of recent years in this district. Mr. Dunham is a native of this State and prepared for his career in eastern institutions, largely winning his way to success by his own efforts. He is a son of Edmund and Mary Ann (Lane) Dunham, his father for many years the head of a retail clothing establishment of Newark.

Frederick Dunham was born in the City of Newark, New Jersey, January 3, 1867. His education was begun in the public schools of that city, and he covered a course at the Newark High School. In





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the year 1882 he entered the employ of Frank H. Earle, of Jersey City, a leading civil engineer and surveyor of that period. While thus employed during the day, the young man entered the evening classes of Cooper Union Institute, in New York City, where he covered a four years' course in engineering. This technical training following the same lines of his daily activity, Mr. Dunham advanced rapidly, and at the time of Mr. Earle's death, in 1907, was principal assistant. Meanwhile in 1888 the firm had become Earle & Harrison, and upon the death of Mr. Earle, Mr. Dunham became a partner in the organization, the firm name becoming Harrison, Dunham & Earle, the senior partner being Edlow W. Harrison and the junior partner, Frank H. Earle, Jr. This group of progressive men carried the business forward until 1912, when a reorganization of the firm changed the name to Harrison & Dunham, and since the retirement of Mr. Harrison, in the year 1917, Mr. Dunham has continued independently. Mr. Dunham was associated with Mr. Harrison in the building of the Jersey City water supply, in the construction of the Passaic Valley sewer, the Raritan River railroad, and the Hudson county boulevard, himself filling the office of engineer, in charge of the construction of the boulevard, for a period of six years. These contracts are only a few of the more noteworthy, and Mr. Dunham now, besides his regular engineering activities, is much sought as a consulting engineer, and acts as expert appraiser of water front property for the municipalities of Bayonne, Hoboken and Jersey City. He has served as harbor engineer of Jersey City since 1912, was a member of the Jersey City Planning Commission, and later was a member of the board of engineers of the Jersey City Development

Plan. He is a director of the Raritan River railroad, and is affiliated in a similar capacity with the West Bergen Trust Company, and the Embe Building and Loan Association. He gives his cordial support to all advance movements, is a Democrat by political affiliation, although never a seeker after the honors of political life, and during the World War acted as director of the Greenville district on several of the Liberty Bond drives. Fraternally Mr. Dunham is prominent, being a member and past master of Enterprise Lodge, No. 48, Free and Accepted Masons; Triune Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and Hugh de Payne Commandery, Knights Templar. He is a member of the Masonic Club, the Carteret Club, the Rotary Club, is past-president of the New Jersey State Automobile Association, and the Hudson County Automobile Club, and a member of the Jersey City Chamber of Commerce. He holds membership in the Bergen Reformed Church.

Mr. Dunham married Lillian Stellenwerf, daughter of Jacob Stellenwerf, a farmer of New Dorp, Staten Island, New York, and they are the parents of three children: Lillian, wife of Irving Rossi; Clarence L., and Ralph H. Both sons are married, and are professionally associated with their father.

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### GROSSMAN, Maurice,

**Lawyer, Soldier in World War.**

A veteran of the World War, Mr. Grossman is one of the most energetic and progressive of the younger members of the legal fraternity in Hudson county. He was born at Allentown, Pennsylvania, December 31, 1893, son of Goodman and Rose (Ginn) Grossman. His parents are residents of Allentown, where his father is engaged in business, and until he came

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to Hudson county a few years ago, Mr. Grossman lived in Pennsylvania.

He received his education in the public schools of Allentown, and after his graduation from high school, proceeded to Muhlenberg College, where he spent two years as a student of the liberal arts. During his school days he became interested in the law and finally, after due reflection and a careful consideration of his abilities, decided to enter the legal profession. His parents were in complete accord with this decision and his father spared no pains to give him every possible assistance in securing his professional training. He left Muhlenberg College and entered the Georgetown University Law School, Washington, D. C., as a student with advanced credits. His course of study was interrupted for a time by his military service, but he finally completed his studies and was graduated from the university with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in June, 1918. He spent the next two years in further study and the acquisition of some practical experience as an associate of a well known New Jersey attorney. Finally in November, 1920, having decided to establish himself in New Jersey, he passed the examinations of the New Jersey State bar and was admitted to practice as an attorney-at-law. Mr. Grossman is now established in the practice of his profession at Harrison, New Jersey, and he has already achieved a substantial success. His thorough training and sound knowledge of the essential principles of justice as revealed in the law, combined with a keenly analytical mind and unusual persuasive powers, have enabled him to make a name for himself and he has been received with hearty welcome by his associates in the legal profession, who have the highest regard for his ability and integrity.

During the World War, Mr. Grossman served in the Ordnance Department of the United States army. He was stationed first, at Camp Hancock, Georgia, and later, at the Ordnance Supply Depot at Middletown, Pennsylvania, where he remained until the end of the war. He served for a period of eleven months, and only the signing of the armistice prevented him from reaching the front, the goal of every soldier's ambition. The experiences he acquired during the period of his military service have been of great value to him, as they increased his knowledge of men and affairs and enabled him to come into close personal contact with many varying types of men and officers. Mr. Grossman is a vigorous supporter of the cause of the disabled veterans and takes a great interest in plans for their care and rehabilitation. He feels that the general public has not made its voice heard with sufficient insistence in regard to the measures for the relief of his former companions at arms. He is a member of the American Legion and sympathizes with it in its efforts to arouse popular sentiment and to prevent our soldiers and sailors from being forgotten now that their services are no longer vital to the Nation. In politics Mr. Grossman is a Republican, and takes an active interest in local and national political affairs. A believer in constructive legislative policies, he is a supporter of every measure designed to increase the welfare and to promote the prosperity of the Nation, the State, and the community, and his influence in local affairs is always on the side of progress carried out in a safe and conservative manner. Mr. Grossman is a member of Kearny Lodge, No. 1050, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In religious faith he is an orthodox Hebrew, and belongs to the B'nai B'rith

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Lodge at Newark, New Jersey. Thoroughly imbued with the religious and cultural traditions of his race, he feels an acute sympathy for the poor and the distressed and takes an active part in the work of ministering to the unfortunate, which is carried on in Hudson county by the various organizations of the Jewish faith.

Mr. Grossman married, on July 6, 1921, at West Hoboken, Ethel Weitz, daughter of Hirsch D. and Rose L. (Geit) Weitz. Mr. and Mrs. Grossman have one little daughter, Naomi Ruth, who was born at Harrison, and who bears two of the most hallowed names in Jewish history.

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### **BURKHARDT, Otto,**

#### **Decorator.**

Residents of Hoboken, New Jersey, and vicinity who desire to secure the services of a high grade decorator and painter have learned that contracts taken by Otto Burkhardt will be promptly and skillfully filled. Therefore, Mr. Burkhardt's business is a prosperous one.

Born in Hamburg, Germany, November 22, 1868, son of Frank Burkhardt, a native of Germany, Mr. Burkhardt received his education in the public schools of Germany and in the evening schools of Hoboken, New Jersey, to which city he came in 1882, his parents having settled there two years earlier. In 1880 his father had established himself in business as a contracting decorator and painter in Hoboken, but young Otto secured a clerical position in New York City, which he held for a year and a half, commuting from Hoboken and attending the evening schools of the latter city. At the end of that time he became associated with his father's business, and when the latter died

in 1894 the son took over the business. In 1900 he expanded the enterprise by adding to it the business of Charles Jann, which he purchased, and since that time he has devoted his time and his energy to the further development of a first-class decorating and painting concern. His patronage is drawn from all parts of the city of Hoboken and from a wide territory surrounding the city, and he has established a reputation which is a valuable business asset. Mr. Burkhardt votes independently. He is an active member of the Hoboken Boat Club, and an honorary member of the Hoboken Bowling Club. His religious interest is with the Lutheran church, of which he is a communicant.

On April 5, 1895, at Hoboken, New Jersey, Mr. Burkhardt married Christine Wendel.

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### **GAFFNEY, Thomas Richard,**

#### **Financier.**

In the world of finance in Hudson county, New Jersey, Thomas Richard Gaffney is a noteworthy figure, his activities as president of the Preferred Securities Corporation of Jersey City contributing largely to the progress of the day and to the prosperity of the people. A practical and experienced man in a field where ability and judgment count for permanent progress, Mr. Gaffney inherits his talent for business from a long line of Irish forbears.

Richard Gaffney, Mr. Gaffney's grandfather, was born in Ireland, and emigrated to the United States about the year 1850, locating in New York, where he resided for many years on Morris street, two blocks below Wall street. He brought with him to this country his wife and son, Thomas Farrell, of further mention.

Thomas Farrell Gaffney, son of Richard



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Gaffney, and father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Minaugh, County Cavan, Ireland, and was only a child when he came with his parents to the United States. He was educated in Public School No. 3, New York City, and became largely prominent in business circles in the metropolitan district, for forty-nine years acting as manager for the McClave Lumber Company of New York and Hoboken. He married Sarah Anna Little, who was born in Enniskillen, Ireland, and came to the United States at the age of twelve years. They celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage on April 23, 1921, and the husband and father passed away on November 13th, of the same year, at the age of seventy-eight years, a man of fine character, loved and esteemed by all whose privilege it was to know him. Their son, Thomas Richard, is of further mention.

Thomas Richard Gaffney, son of Thomas Farrell and Sarah Anna (Little) Gaffney, was born in New York City, May 18, 1888. He is a graduate of Public School No. 55 of New York, and also attended the College of the City of New York, completing his education with an extension course at Columbia University. Mr. Gaffney moved to New Jersey in February, 1903. His first business experience was in the employ of the largest life insurance company in the world, with which concern he remained for a period of fifteen years and the latter five years was agency organizer of same. In the year 1918 he established himself with offices in the Worlds Tower building in New York City, as president of New York and New Jersey Investment Company, in the bond and investment business, and is now president of the Preferred Securities Corporation of Jersey City, located in the Lerner building. He has won a high po-

sition in his chosen field of activity in this city and is broadly interested also in real estate advance, being a member of the Hudson County Real Estate Board, the National Association of Realtors, the New Jersey League and the Multiple Listing Exchange. Recognized as an expert in matters pertaining to insurance, investments and real estate, Mr. Gaffney has represented the Jersey City Chamber of Commerce, the Real Estate Board, and the Labor Union, before the 1922 session of the New Jersey House of Assembly, and constructive and beneficial legislation was introduced as the result of his logical and forceful presentation of facts. By political affiliation Mr. Gaffney is a Democrat, but he has never thus far accepted the honors of public office. The interests of his leisure are those of the out-door world, particularly hunting and yachting, and he is a member of the Eureka Yacht Club, of which he is at present (1923) secretary, also a member of the Keyport Yacht Club, and an honorary member of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association of New Jersey. His religious faith is that of the Roman Catholic, and he is a parishioner of St. Michael's Monastery.

Mr. Gaffney married, on November 23, 1910, at the Church of Our Lady of Grace, in Hoboken, Irene Veronica Kammerer, daughter of George and Mary Kammerer. Mr. and Mrs. Gaffney have two daughters: Irene Bernadette, born September 15, 1911; and Katherine Bernice, born December 30, 1922.

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### HAMILL, Alexander Sylvester,

#### **Business Man.**

After receiving a thorough and extended education, Alexander Sylvester Hamill became associated with his father in the structural and ornamental iron business,

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and throughout his active career he has maintained his connection with that concern. The business is now incorporated under the name of Alex. Hamill Iron Works, of which corporation Mr. Hamill is secretary and treasurer, and the offices and works are located at Nos. 426-468 Montgomery street, and at Nos. 251-253-255 Mercer street, No. 426 Montgomery street being the original location of the business when it was founded by Mr. Hamill's father in 1875.

Alexander Hamill, father of Alexander Sylvester Hamill, was born in County Antrim, Ireland, in 1845, and came to this country with his wife when he was twenty years of age. He went at once to Jersey City, where he first found employment as a bookkeeper, but later engaged in business as a house-mover. With true Irish energy and thrift he took full advantage of every opportunity and by consistently holding himself to the sound economic principle of always spending a little less than he earned, he managed to "get ahead" so successfully that in 1875, just ten years after his arrival in America, he established at No. 426 Montgomery street, the iron business which is now known as the Alex. Hamill Iron Works. Mr. Hamill was a highly educated man, a graduate of Queen's College, in Belfast, Ireland, from which institution of learning he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and before coming to America was engaged in teaching. He died in 1901, aged fifty-six years. He married Neave McClaskey, who was also a native of county Antrim, Ireland, and they were the parents of ten children, seven of whom are still living: James A., who represented the Twelfth Congressional district in Congress, and is now practicing law in Jersey City; Alexander S., of further mention; Dr. Patrick J.; Cornelius A.; Mar-

garet O., who is vice-principal of Public School No. 5, in Jersey City; Isabella, who married Dr. J. J. Craven; and Neave L., who married Frank Smith, of Jersey City.

Alexander Sylvester Hamill was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, February 21, 1879, and received his early education in St. Bridget's Parochial School, from which he was graduated in 1890. He then became a student in St. Peter's College, from which he went to St. Francis Xavier College, in New York City, graduating from the latter in 1897 with honors and with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Upon the completion of his college course he became associated with his father in the iron business, which had been established four years before his birth, and during his entire active career his energies have been devoted to the advancement of the interests of that concern. Upon the death of his father in 1901, the business was incorporated under the name of the Alex. Hamill Iron Works, and at the present time the official personnel of the corporation is as follows: Alexander S. Hamill, president and treasurer; and Cornelius A. Hamill, vice-president. John F. Hamill, the former president of the firm, died in 1919. The concern is engaged in the manufacture of structural and ornamental iron work and sends its products to all parts of the country. Mr. Hamill was engineer for the Hudson Company in the filling of important bridge construction contracts, and he was one of the assistant engineers for the old Passaic Rolling Mill Company. In addition to his activities as secretary and treasurer of the Alex. Hamill Iron Works and as consulting engineer, Mr. Hamill has found time to render efficient service in local public office. He served for eight years, from 1912 to 1920, as a member of the board of



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school directors, serving during the last four years of that period as president of the board. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and in 1904, in recognition of services rendered in that field, the College of St. Peter's conferred upon him the honorary degree Master of Arts. Fraternally he is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of the Knights of Columbus, and his religious affiliation is with St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Church. For recreation he finds fishing an enjoyable as well as a healthful pastime, and gives much time to music, of which he is very fond.

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### STEVENS, Frank,

**Realtor, Insurance Operator.**

As president of the Frank Stevens Company, real estate, insurance, auctions, No. 46 Montgomery street, Jersey City, New Jersey, Mr. Stevens controls a large business which he founded in 1874, beginning in a small office at No. 23 Montgomery street, then the commercial center of Jersey City, as an agent, broker, appraiser and auctioneer. Since then for half a century the Frank Stevens offices have been on Montgomery street, near the original location. The real estate department of the business is thoroughly organized and is managed by experienced and responsible assistants, with an office system acknowledged to be one of the most perfect and complete in New Jersey. Trust funds are carefully safeguarded in separate accounts from the general business, and the insurance agency is conducted separately and represents only tried and trusted domestic and foreign companies with very large assets. Real estate and local securities are sold at auction and in many cases their sales have established a

standard of value for some time to come. The real estate agency controls a large amount of valuable and desirable business properties.

The Frank Stevens Company is Mr. Stevens' very own and has no relation with the numerous offices of trust he holds. Great public services which he has rendered has been in connection with the Jersey City Board of Trade, of which he was a charter member from 1888 to 1913, and a member of its successor, The Chamber of Commerce, since the latter date. In 1890 the Board of Trade was virtually dying from lack of interest and at that point Mr. Stevens began a personal canvass of the business men of Jersey and at the meeting, September 15, 1890, there were more than fifty applications for membership bearing his endorsement. At the next meeting there were as many more and thus the tide was turned and an institution renewed that has been an agent for good in city building and a community which is now well known from Main to California.

Frank Stevens was born at Dover Plains, Dutchess county, New York, August 19, 1851, son of William (3) and Mary Elizabeth (Ross) Stevens. Four years later the family moved to Madison, Wisconsin, where William Stevens had large lumber and mill interests. There Mr. Stevens began his education, continuing his studies in Chicago until 1867 in which year the family moved from Chicago to Jersey City. Frank Stevens did not return with his family, but remained a student at Oberlin College, Ohio, entering in 1867. He next was engaged in business with an uncle in Cleveland, Ohio, there remaining until 1872, when he rejoined the family in Jersey City. His first employment after coming East was with a flour commission house in New York City,



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and his first business connection in Jersey City was with Michael S. Alleson, the shipbuilder, made famous as the builder of that long time queen of the Hudson, the steamboat "Mary Powell." In 1874 Mr. Stevens laid the foundations of his present business, at No. 23 Montgomery street, Jersey City, and has seen it thrive and prosper under his management until it has no superior of its kind in the real estate, insurance and auction field in New Jersey.

He was an officer for some years of the New Jersey Title Guarantee & Trust Company as chairman of its finance committee, was treasurer of the Jersey City Board of Trade from 1888 to 1913, is president of the Real Estate Trusts Company of Jersey City, and late treasurer of the Underwriters' Association of Hudson county, was formerly chairman of the executive committee of the New Jersey & New York Real Estate Exchange, and five times president of the Real Estate Board of Hudson county. In 1910 he was appointed by Governor Fort a member of the Railroad Re-appraisement Commission of New Jersey; in 1912 he was appointed aide to Mayor Otto Wittppenn, and later made president of the City Plan Commission for Jersey City. He is a member of the Carteret Club of Jersey City, and was appointed in 1921 by Governor Edward I. Edwards, of New Jersey, on the Real Estate License Commission and is now commissioner-president thereof.

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### STERN, Herman,

#### **Theatrical Manager.**

President of the Esanel Theatres, Incorporated, and formerly engaged in business in New York City, Mr. Stern has been a resident of Hoboken since 1921.

He was born at Budapest, Hungary, in November, 1885, son of Samuel and Mary (Schwartz) Stern. Both of his parents are living. His father who was a soldier in the Austro-Hungarian army for fifteen years, came to the United States with his family when Mr. Stern was only eleven years old. At present the elder Mr. Stern is engaged in the agricultural field at a rancher and farmer.

Mr. Stern received his education in the public schools after coming to the United States in 1896. Upon his graduation from high school, he proceeded to the New York State College and spent two years as a student in the school of engineering. Gifted with unusual mechanical ability and greatly attracted by the science of engineering, Mr. Stern began his business career in New York City by associating himself with a firm of manufacturers who specialized in the making of mechanical instruments of various kinds. But manufacturing, although it was both interesting and profitable, was not destined to be Mr. Stern's life work. Well read in literature of his native land, and desirous of preserving and maintaining the traditions of his race, his affection for Hungary is second only to his loyalty to the United States. His marked literary and artistic abilities soon became known among his acquaintances and he was presently asked to assume charge of the Hungarian Theatrical Association. He accepted this position and thus began his connection with the theatrical business which has ever since been his chosen field of activity. He continued to manage the affairs of the Hungarian Theatrical Association for a period of seven years, and was largely instrumental for that organization's remarkable success. Later he formed various other theatrical connections, and has been called up to head

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theatrical enterprises in all parts of the United States during the past fifteen years. He thus has an intimate and personal knowledge of conditions in the theatrical business and understands the taste of all kinds of audiences, from the rural audience of a small town to the sophisticated and cultivated audience of a New York theatre. In 1921 Mr. Stern was chosen president of the Bishop Theatre, and of the Esanel Theatres, Incorporated, of Hoboken, which is rapidly expanding, taking over a number of smaller motion picture houses in the county. He has since lived in Hoboken, and has met with the greatest success in developing and expanding the work of his theatres, which are now widely known and patronized by theatregoers of the highest class. Mr. Stern chooses the entertainments exhibited at his theatres with the greatest care and spares no pains to provide the best that the theatrical profession affords for his patrons, who appreciate his efforts in this direction and manifest their appreciation by regular attendance at his houses.

The treasurer and secretary of the corporation is Arthur Z. Schwartz, who was born in Hungary in September, 1890. Mr. Schwartz began his business career as a dealer in general merchandise in New Jersey, and spent fourteen years in this field. When Mr. Stern became president of the corporation, Mr. Schwartz gave up his mercantile career and became associated with the theatrical business as secretary and treasurer of the Esanel Theatres, Incorporated, the position he now holds. Like Mr. Stern, he is widely known as a business man of marked skill and ability and his services are of great value to the corporation.

In politics Mr. Stern is an Independent, and takes a great interest in the political

questions of the day, always supporting the cause of progress and constructive legislative policies. He was formerly president of the Hungarian Literary Society, but was forced to resign his office because of the pressure of his private business affairs. He is a member of the Hudson County Theatre Owners, Chamber of Commerce. In religious faith he is a Christian Scientist.

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### WATERS, Bertram Albert,

#### Undertaker.

As proprietor of the undertaking establishment of Newkirk and Waters, Mr. Waters is the head of the oldest house in this business in Jersey City. Practically all of his active life has been spent in this field of endeavor and he enjoys a reputation that is the result of a distinctively efficient and valuable service to the community.

Mr. Waters is of English descent, a son of John Henry and Jane (Stewart) Waters, both natives of England, the father aged sixty-nine at his death and the mother seventy-six. John Henry Waters was superintendent of the Prudential Life Insurance Company in New York and Maine territory and it was in Bedford, Maine, that Bertram Albert Waters was born, February 7, 1884. The family moved to Jersey City soon after his birth and in this city the deaths of his parents occurred. Public School No. 6 of Jersey City, whence he was graduated, furnished him with his early formal education and for a time after leaving school he was employed by the paper box manufacturing concern of Waldeck & Company, on Oakland avenue. In 1905 he made his entry into his present business and for about five years was associated with William H. Mead, an under-



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taker of Jersey City, withdrawing from this connection to accept a place in a New York undertaking establishment and still later returning to service with a Jersey City undertaker. In 1913 he renewed his connection with Mr. Mead and remained with him until Mr. Mead's death after which, in partnership with Frank P. Newkirk, he purchased the Mead business. This was in October, 1919, and the firm assumed the title of Newkirk & Waters, death ending Mr. Newkirk's connection therewith in 1921, although the firm name is retained to the present. This establishment was founded in 1850 by Abraham Speer, its management succeeding to his son, William H. Speer, and then to his grandson, William H. Mead, the house having the distinction of being the oldest organization of its kind in the city and one which has been of professional service to a large proportion of Jersey City's most prominent families. Mr. Waters is highly regarded as a mortician and is a member of the Hudson County Undertakers' Association. He is a member of the Jersey City Chamber of Commerce, fraternizes with Jersey City Lodge, No. 210, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Clinton Council, Junior Order United American Mechanics, and holds the thirty-second degree in the Masonic order, his lodge, Zeredatha, No. 131. He is also a member of Salaam Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and the Masonic Club of Jersey City. He is a devotee of all outdoor sports and insofar as the demands of his calling permit, has kept in touch with the recreations of his youth. He is a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church of Jersey City, and in community life plays the part of an interested, progressive and public-spirited citizen.

Mr. Waters married, in Jersey City,

June 10, 1908, Catherine Cassells, born in Brooklyn, New York, daughter of Frank and Margaret Cassells, her father deceased, and her mother a resident of Jersey City.

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### SLATER, C. Howard,

#### **Real Estate Operator.**

A broadly noteworthy figure in the business life of Jersey City, New Jersey, is C. Howard Slater, whose activity in the field of real estate brokerage bears definite relation to the rapid growth and development of this city. Mr. Slater has made a specialty of real estate as related to industrial advance, and has done much to forward the betterment of industrial conditions in Hudson county.

The Slater family is of English origin, but this branch has for a number of generations been settled in America. Justus Slater, Mr. Slater's grandfather, was a pioneer of that period of Jersey City's history when the municipality was emerging from the lingering influences of small-town traditions and taking on metropolitan dignity. As the head of the contracting firm of Slater & Steele, he had much to do with the rehabilitation of the community, and many structures which owe their existence to him still stand in permanent usefulness.

Howard Slater, son of Justus Slater, was born at Ithaca, New York, April 18, 1840, and died in Slaterville, New York, August 5, 1876. Howard Slater was, throughout the short period of his career, active as an attaché of the United States Customs House in New York City, and his death, at the early age of thirty-six years, was a loss to his time. He was a young man of great promise and was cut down by death in the zenith of his usefulness. He married Helen A. Greene,

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who was born at Slaterville, New York, November 21, 1840, and died February 1, 1886, in Jersey City.

C. Howard Slater, only child of Howard and Helen A. (Greene) Slater, was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, July 6, 1864. His education was limited to the advantages of the common schools, for he was left fatherless at the age of twelve years, and the necessity of becoming self-supporting faced his boyhood. He was graduated from Grammar School No. 12, of Jersey City, in the class of 1879, and immediately thereafter secured a position with the Joseph Dixon Crucible Company, the internationally famous manufacturers of pencils and graphite, where he continued for something more than five years. Mr. Slater, however, saw larger opportunities of usefulness and more substantial success in another field. He entered real estate brokerage when the real estate situation needed men of keen vision—men of foresight, who could comprehend the possibilities of the future and the responsibility lying at the doors of the men of that day to build and establish adequate foundations for the future. That Mr. Slater appraised his own ability and judgment correctly, he has amply demonstrated by the many occasions on which he has brought together properties which awaited development or improvement, and the capital wherewith to bring it to pass. His first office was directly opposite the present one, to which Mr. Slater came in 1896, and which is located at No. 305 Pacific avenue, Jersey City. His long experience in his chosen field has made him one of the influential men of the day in Hudson county, and for some years he has been active as manager of the Provident Institute for Savings, also a director of the Trust Company of New Jersey, and he is also a director of

the Jersey City Chamber of Commerce. A lifelong Republican by political affiliation, Mr. Slater is a worker in the ranks of the party, but chooses to leave political leadership to others. During the World War he was active in the interests of the United States Department of Justice, the work assigned to him, however, lying wholly within the city of his business activity. Fraternally Mr. Slater is identified with the Free and Accepted Masons and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and he is a leading member of the Jersey City Rotary Club. His leisure interests are photography and travel, and he possesses many volumes of the most fascinating foreign views. He goes abroad every other year, visiting points along infrequent lines of travel, and carrying his cameras with him everywhere. His treasure trove in the way of photographs make a wonderful collection, and to the privileged guest reveal many phases of life in every country on the face of the globe. Mr. Slater is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Jersey City.

Mr. Slater married Irene Searles on January 16, 1889, at Rome, New York, who was born in that city, and is a daughter of Robert and Beulah (Dexter) Searles. Their only child died in infancy.

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### LE FÈVRE, Emil,

#### **Business Man.**

The list of successful business men of Hudson county, New Jersey, would not be complete without the name of Emil Le Fèvre, proprietor of the Black Diamond Express Company, of Hoboken, New Jersey.

Fritz Le Fèvre, father of Emil Le Fèvre, now deceased, was born in Germany, where, after receiving his early



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education in the public schools, he prepared for the medical profession, which he followed during his active career. He served in the war against Danmark in 1864; in the old Hanoverian army in 1866, when Hanover entered the war against Prussia; and in the Franco-Prussian War, 1870-71. He married Eleolore Heuer, also a native of Germany, who died in 1877.

Emil Le Fèvre, son of Fritz and Eleolore (Heuer) Le Fèvre, was born in Hanover, Germany, September 8, 1868. He received his education in the public schools of his native district, and after graduation from the high school, remained in his native land until he was twenty years of age. He then, in 1888, decided to try his fortune in America. He went directly to Hoboken, New Jersey, where he found employment on a steamship, in which line he continued for three years, serving as engineer storekeeper on the first American mail ship which left the United States for Buenos Aires, South America, until 1892, when he made a change and secured employment on the steamship "Alianca." In 1892 he resolved to engage in business for himself and started an express business at No. 219 Bloomfield street, Hoboken, which he called the Black Diamond Express. The enterprise was successful and grew steadily. After a time it seemed wise to admit others into the business and the concern was organized as the Black Diamond Express Company, of which Mr. Le Fèvre is president. His eighteen years of experience as shipping master for the American steamship line has served him well, in his present line of business activity and is largely responsible for the marked success of the Black Diamond Express Company. Mr. Le Fèvre is a notary public, and for ten years served as justice of the peace. He gives his support to the principles and

candidates of the Democratic party, but has had neither the time nor the information to hold public office other than the local one just mentioned. He is a member and trustee of the Vereinig in Hoboken Schutzen, which he served as captain from 1910 to 1912. He is also a member of the Steuben Society of Hoboken, and of the Hanover Raner Club, of the same city. His religious affiliation is with the German Lutheran church.

Mr. Le Fèvre married (first), July 23, 1893, at Hoboken, New Jersey, Antoinette Preuberg, a native of Germany. She died in 1921, and he married (second) Emma Luetgen, who was born in Hamburg, Germany, daughter of John and Mary Luetgen, the former engaged in business as a bookkeeper. To the first marriage was born one daughter, Antoinette, who died at the age of twenty-four years. To the second marriage, also, one daughter was born, Metta.

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### HERWIG, Justus,

#### **Real Estate Operator.**

In various lines of business endeavor, Justus Herwig has for many years been prominent in the metropolitan district and throughout Hudson county. With broad experience of a general nature, he has been active for a number of years at Union, New Jersey, in the field of real estate, and his progress in this line of endeavor has reflected material benefit upon the community. Mr. Herwig is a son of Justus and Wilhelmina (Elsman) Herwig, old residents of Jersey City, prominent in the affairs of a generation ago, but the father is now retired from active business.

Justus Herwig was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, March 14, 1873. His education was acquired at Public School No. 8 of Jersey City, and while still a young

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man he became active in the Customs House brokerage business in New York City. Entering this general field in 1888, he was active for many years along this line, continuing until 1917, when he took over the operation of a line of steamships between New York and Spain, which he managed for three years. He then became manager for a time of the Mediterranean and General Traders of New York City, after which he entered the real estate business in Hudson county in an independent way. With interests centering at Union, New Jersey, Mr. Herwig is doing a large and constantly increasing business and is counted among the leading operators and brokers of real estate in this section. He is a member of the Hudson County Real Estate Board, also the State and national real estate boards, and was formerly president of the McEwan Association. Politically he supports the Republican party, but has never desired or accepted the honors and responsibilities of political office.

Justus Herwig married, on April 23, 1895, Minnie Trabinger, daughter of Charles and Theresa (Goetz) Trabinger. Mr. and Mrs. Herwig are the parents of three children: Justus E., Theresa W., and Elsie B.

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### MUSARRA, Annetta (Schiaffino),

#### Successful Business Woman.

Hudson county numbers among its successful realtors a woman of Hoboken who since 1914 has been successfully demonstrating her ability by conducting a thriving real estate business. Her office is located at No. 216 Madison street, Hoboken, and there each year she transacts a steadily increasing volume of business.

Born in Genoa, Italy, Mrs. Annetta (Schiaffino) Musarra is a daughter of

Francesco and Madeline (Ghiri) Schiaffino. Mr. Schiaffino is now engaged in business as a mosaic worker in Hoboken, and is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, of New York. Mrs. Schiaffino is deceased. Annetta (Schiaffino) Musarra received her earliest school training in the public schools of her native city, but when she was seven years of age was brought to this country by her parents. The family settled first in New York City, and in the public schools of the metropolis Annetta Schiaffino continued her studies until she had completed her second year in Wadleigh High School. When her second year in Wadleigh High was completed the family removed to Hoboken, New Jersey, where she entered the Hoboken High School, from which she was graduated. She then took a course in the Hoboken Training School, and became a teacher in Public School No. 1, where she remained for three years. In 1914, having been for some time interested in land values, she decided to give up the teaching profession and engage in business for herself. She opened a real estate and insurance office at No. 229 Madison street, and devoted her energy and her ability to the work of buying, selling and insuring real property. The enterprise was successful, and in 1920 she removed to No. 216 Madison street, where she is conducting a steadily growing enterprise. She is a notary public and her real estate and insurance business is now recognized as one of the well established enterprises of the city. Politically Mrs. Musarra reserves to herself the privilege of casting her vote independently. Her husband, Antonino Musarra, is a member of the Real Estate Board of Hudson County, and before coming to this country he was corporal in the "Bersaglieri" of the Italian army. The religious







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affiliation of Mr. and Mrs. Musarra is with St. Francis Church of Hoboken.

On November 20, 1910, Antonino Musarra, who was born in Italy, March, 1878, son of Antonio and Nina (Milici) Musarra, and Anetta Schiaffino, were married in Hoboken, New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Musarra are the parents of four children: Nina, Elmer, Oliver and Gerald.

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### **GIGLIO, Dr. Ernest,**

**Optometrist, Jeweler.**

The list of Hudson county's successful professional and business men includes Dr. Ernest Giglio, a man of many accomplishments, optometrist, optician and jeweler, located at No. 244 Summit avenue, West Hoboken, New Jersey.

Ernest Giglio was born in Palermo, Italy, January 23, 1879, and in Italy spent the first twenty-two years of his life. He is the son of Anthony and Rosaria Storaci Giglio, his father a well known architect and a brother of the Rev. Salvatore Giglio, S. J., now connected with Loyola University, at No. 6363 St. Charles avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana; other brothers are: Joseph Giglio, M. D., in Rome, Italy; Angelo, Peter and Eugene Giglio are business men in New York City.

He was educated in the schools of Naples, Italy, and in that city pursued special studies in optometry. He served five years in the Italian army and in 1902 was honorably discharged with the rank of lieutenant. In 1904 he came to the United States, and in New York City further added to his profession a course of study in the Manhattan School of Optics. He was engaged for a time in hospital work, and in 1914 was registered as an optometrist in New Jersey and established in business in West Hoboken. His

office is equipped with the latest appliances known to optical science. After several years of success as optometrist and optician he bought the property at No. 244 Summit avenue, West Hoboken, and then built a commodious structure in which his own offices and store are located. After several years in the optical business, he became interested in the jewelry line and added that as a department of his business.

Dr. Giglio married, in West Hoboken, New Jersey, April 9, 1913, Angeline Balabio, daughter of John and Rose (Colambo) Balabio. Dr. and Mrs. Giglio are the parents of two children: Ernest, Jr., born February 17, 1914; and Lydia, born January 11, 1916.

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### **MILHOMME, Felix,**

**Business Man.**

During the years that Mr. Milhomme has resided in this country he has established a factory for finishing silk at No. 622 Clinton street, Hoboken, New Jersey, and has met with a large share of success. He is a son of John Baptist and Rose P. (Colomb) Milhomme, natives of France, where the former was a silk merchant.

Felix Milhomme was born June 6, 1864, in France, and attended the College of Lycee, Condorcet, Paris. When he came to Hoboken, New Jersey, he entered the wholesale silk finishing business, which he has since continued. He is a Democrat in politics. For a period of four years he served in the French army. He is a member of Hackensack Lodge, No. 658, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks; the Chamber of Commerce and the Manufacturers' Association. In religion he is a Roman Catholic.

Mr. Milhomme married, in March, 1893, at New York City, Pauline Agnellet, a

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native of France, and daughter of Justin and M. (Gallay) Agnellet, both natives of France. To Mr. and Mrs. Milhomme were born three children as follows: Helen, born September, 1898; Alexander, born July, 1899, and Paul, born March, 1903, all of them born in New York City.

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### LAZARUS, Leon,

#### Real Estate Operator.

Many of those who have become residents of the city of Bayonne, New Jersey, during the past quarter of a century, are well acquainted with the business methods of Leon Lazarus. Some of those who came twenty-five years ago, will remember the alert, eager and obliging young man who took them from house to house until they realized their heart's desire, or who courteously made easy for them the business of insuring their homes. Those who had dealings with him later, remember his wide acquaintance with real estate opportunities and his keen appraisal of values. For many he has built the homes desired and to many others he has sold residences which he has erected upon newly-opened tracts.

Louis Lazarus, father of Mr. Lazarus, who came with his wife, Theresa Lazarus, and his children, was the first Hebrew who ever brought his family to live in the city of Bayonne. He opened the first general store in the city and is now retired. One of his sons, Judge Hyman Lazarus, who is well known in his profession, is now presiding judge of the Hudson County Common Pleas bench.

Leon Lazarus was born in New York City, February 1, 1876, and received his early and preparatory education in the public schools of Bayonne, after which he engaged in the real estate business in Bayonne, and has contributed much to

the development of the city. He has developed and improved several sections of the city, adding to the number of available homes in the community a large number of well-constructed and skillfully planned residences and business properties. No man in the city of Bayonne knows more about real estate values and real estate conditions in that community than does Mr. Lazarus. His vast experience there, covering a period of twenty-five years, has not only made him thoroughly acquainted with the real estate situation, but it has made him acquainted with a great number of the residents of the city. It is true that few men are so well acquainted with the men and women of the city as is Leon Lazarus, and his list of personal friends is a long one. At the age of forty-one he completed the course of law at New York University, and was admitted as a member of the bar of the State of New Jersey in the spring of 1917. Fraternally he is affiliated with Lodge No. 434, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Bayonne; Arion Lodge, Knights of Pythias; and with the Order of B'nai B'rith. He is a member of the Temple Emanu-El, which he serves as a member of the board of trustees, and is a director of the Hudson County Hebrew Orphans' Home.

Leon Lazarus married Harriet Levy on February 8, 1899, in New York City, daughter of Hyman and Martha Levy, and they are the parents of five children: Theresa Ruth, Joseph Asher, Herbert Benedict, Sylvia and Jeanne Hinda.

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### GIFFORD, Livingston,

#### Lawyer.

Jersey City is the home of many able men of the legal profession who are engaged in practice in New York City. Her



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list of legal practitioners is a long one, including many who were born and reared in the community, but who left the city of their birth in order that they might receive a broad and thorough educational preparation for their chosen careers. Many of these have returned with trained faculties, enriched character, and high aspirations to carve out a career in their chosen profession in the metropolis of the country, but have made their homes in the community in which they were born and reared. Among these is Livingston Gifford, who since 1875 has been engaged in giving legal counsel to and fighting legal battles for a large clientele in New York City. He has reached the high standing in his profession and can look back over four decades of active, professional life, being now senior partner of the firm of Gifford, Bull and Scull, No. 141 Broadway, New York City.

Mr. Gifford is the son of a lawyer, George Gifford, of Jersey City, and of Eleanor C. (Van Ranst) Gifford, who became residents of Jersey City as early as 1852, and from his earliest years he aspired to become a member of his father's profession. He was born in Jersey City (then South Bergen) September 8, 1855, in the house which stood till this year at No. 569 Bergen avenue, Jersey City. He received his early education in Hasbrouck Institute, and prepared for college at Phillips-Andover Academy, Andover, Massachusetts. When his preparatory course was completed he became a student at Yale University, whence he was graduated, class of 1875. He prepared for the profession of law at the Columbia Law School, graduating in the class of 1877, and from that time until the present (1923) he has been engaged in legal practice in New York City, both in association with his father and alone, now being, as stated, senior member of the law firm, Gifford, Bull and Scull, at

No. 141 Broadway, New York City. He is well known as a reliable, conscientious, and able counsellor, highly respected by his professional associates and large clientele. He has won his greatest success in important litigation in the Federal Courts, acting as senior counsel in cases of the first rank in all parts of the United States. He is a member of the Delta Psi fraternity, of the University Club of New York City, and of the Carteret Club, of Jersey City.

Livingston Gifford married, on June 11, 1885, Marie Louise Davis, daughter of James and Martha J. (Watson) Davis. Mr. and Mrs. Gifford are the parents of one daughter, Evelyn, who was born January 15, 1888, and is now Mrs. Henry A. Gardner. Mr. Gifford has resigned all former connections with banks and is restricting his attention to his profession as much as is possible and advisable.

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### CAHILL, Thomas Russell,

Realtor.

For more than a decade now, Thomas Russell Cahill has been engaged in buying and selling real property in Jersey City and vicinity, and though he began experimenting in that field of business activity while still engaged in other pursuits, the enterprise has grown to proportions which require all the time he has at his disposal.

Mr. Cahill is a son of Thomas and Mary (Donovan) Cahill, the former of whom is engaged in agricultural pursuits, and was born in New Brunswick, Middlesex county, New Jersey, February 12, 1876. He attended the public schools of New Brunswick, assisting his father on the farm when school was not in session, and when school days were over remained upon the home farm until he was twenty-one years of age. He then learned telegraphy and for about five years was em-

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ployed as telegrapher in a railway office. He was also interested in the passenger train department of the railroading business, and for about a decade served in that department. About 1912, in addition to the duties of his position in the passenger train department, he began buying and selling real estate in his spare time. This business grew very rapidly and at the present time is occupying all of Mr. Cahill's spare time. He has acquired skill in estimating real estate values, and is known as a man of reliable and honest business methods.

Fraternally Mr. Cahill is affiliated with Conception Council, No. 482, Knights of Columbus; and his religious affiliation is with St. Paul's Catholic Church, of Jersey City.

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### **KELLY, Hugh A.,**

**Architect, Civil Engineer.**

The ancestors of Hugh A. Kelly came to Jersey City, New Jersey, in the early years of the nineteenth century and there the family in its main branches have always resided. The family is of Irish blood, of a race long seated in the Emerald Isle. Hugh A. Kelly, Sr., who died in 1895, was one of the well known and popular men of his city, prominent in public affairs and a factor in the upbuilding of his city, county and State. He was a member of the New Jersey House of Assembly in 1893 and 1894 and rendered valuable public service in other ways. Hugh A. Kelly, a native son of Jersey City, has been connected professionally with the public improvements of Jersey City and Hudson county, and is now a member of the New Jersey State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors under appointment of the then governor, now United States Senator Edwards.

Hugh A. Kelly, son of Hugh A. Sr., and

Margaret T. (Murphy) Kelly, was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, February 6, 1888. He completed grammar school courses of study in Jersey City public schools in 1902, then pursued special courses in mathematics in an evening technical school, completing the course. He then entered for the surveying and mapping lessons sent out from the International Correspondence School, finishing with credit and also completing a course in architecture from the same institution. He completed his studies in engineering and architecture under private tutoring in the various phases of engineering and construction, and in 1916 was admitted to membership in the American Society of Civil Engineers, the following year becoming a registered architect in the State of New Jersey. During three years of professional study, from 1905 until 1911, Mr. Kelly was in the employ of Thomas J. Wasser, county engineer. During that period he was engaged on several important projects, including the Lincoln Highway Bridge over the Hackensack river, the improvement of the Lincoln Highway and the Fourteenth Street Viaduct, in Hoboken, being engineer in charge of the last named improvements. He is now a partner with Leroy A. Cowan, they engaging in the general practice of civil engineering and architecture.

Mr. Kelly has been connected with the public service for several years, beginning in 1915 as engineer and execution secretary to the City Plan Commission of New Jersey. Shortly after this appointment the agitation for the change of the city form of government was slated, Mr. Kelly becoming secretary of the Commission Government League and was a strong factor in gaining that form of government for Jersey City. After the election of the commissioners, Mr. Kelly was made chief engineer of the Department of Parks



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and Public Improvements under Commissioner A. Harry Moore, and has been associated with Mr. Moore in a personal way ever since. In 1917 he entered the United States Army, serving for eighteen months, resuming his work with the Department of Parks and Public Improvements after receiving honorable discharge from the army. At that time he also began private practice as civil engineer and architect. In 1920 he was appointed by Mayor Hague a member of the Jersey City Development Plan Board of Engineers, that board preparing a comprehensive plan for the future development of Jersey City. In 1922 Governor Edwards appointed him a member of the New Jersey State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, the board electing Mr. Kelly its secretary. He has designed and constructed numerous public buildings and parks, Pershing Field, one of the largest athletic fields in the country, being the best known.

In politics Mr. Kelly is a Democrat, and in religious faith is Roman Catholic, being a member of the choir of St. Patrick's Church. He sings a great deal in concerts for charitable affairs, having a well-trained, pleasing voice. He is a member of the Catholic Actors' Guild of America; American Society of Civil Engineers; American Society of Military Engineer; New Jersey Society of Architects; American Institute of Architects; the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Loyal Order of Moose; the Knights of Columbus; the American Legion; the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and the Yountakah Country Club.

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### DODGE, Chester H.,

**Printer.**

The number of first-class printers who are successfully operating in Jersey City

is large, and near the top of the list stands the name of Chester H. Dodge, who for the past three years has been owner and manager of the up-to-date plant located at No. 191 Lembeck avenue.

John Edward Dodge, father of Chester H. Dodge, was born in Chicopee, Massachusetts, January 28, 1863, and died at Waterford, New York, January 29, 1896. He was a descendant of an old English family and a man of large ability who for many years was assistant second vice-president of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad Company. He married Clara Edge, who was born in Liverpool, England, January 10, 1866, and died at Waterford, New York, July 29, 1908, and they were the parents of two children: Chester H., of further mention; and Helen E., who married Paul S. Kirk, of Keyport, New Jersey.

Chester H. Dodge, son of John Edward and Clara (Edge) Dodge, was born at Waterford, New York, March 21, 1887. He received his education in the public schools of Waterford, and of Cohoes, New York, and after graduation from the Cohoes High School found employment with the Delaware and Hudson Railroad Company, as assistant engineer, which position he continued to hold for a period of six years. At the end of that time, he made a change and accepted a position in the engineering department, Federal, in New York City. He was able and efficient, also faithful, and for thirteen years he continued to efficiently discharge the duties of that position. In June, 1920, he purchased the printing plant located at No. 191 Lembeck avenue, in Jersey City, and since that time he has been continuously and successfully engaged in the printing business. He has established for himself a reputation as a careful and efficient printer, and during the three years in which he has been engaged in



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that line of business activity he has built up a most promising patronage. Mr. Dodge is fond of out-of-door sports, especially of camping, and he has just purchased an automobile, which will greatly aid him, not only in the enjoyment of the great out-of-doors, but in business as well, enabling him to take care of the affairs of his branch shop, established in December, 1922, at No. 175 Danforth avenue, where printing orders are received and a thriving stationery business is conducted. Fraternally Mr. Dodge is a member of Bayonne Lodge, Royal Arcanum; and of the Order of Macabees. He is also a member of the Greenville Merchants' Association; and of the Frank Walker Association, of which he is secretary. His religious affiliation is with the Reformed church of Cohoes, New York.

Chester H. Dodge married, on December 25, 1908, at Albany, New York, Gertrude Burrhus, who was born in Oneonta, New York, daughter of George, who is now living in Oneonta, New York, and of Mary (Burke) Burrhus, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Dodge are the parents of two children: Clara E., who was born March 4, 1910; and Marie G., who was born April 29, 1914.

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### EGAN, Judge Charles Michael,

#### Jurist.

One of the best known men of the legal profession in Jersey City is Judge Charles Michael Egan, who since April 1, 1923, has been serving as the efficient president-judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Hudson county. Judge Egan has been engaged in legal practice in Jersey City for a quarter of a century; has served in both branches of the State Legislature, where, at the request of (then) Governor Woodrow Wilson, he introduced several

important bills, and is now fully meeting the high expectations of those who desired his appointment to the bench.

Michael Egan, father of Judge Egan, was a member of the famous "Irish Brigade," composed of the 63rd, 69th, and 88th regiments, of the New York Volunteers, commanded by General Thomas Francis Meagher. He was captain of Company G, 88th Regiment, New York Volunteers, a company which was originally composed of 118 men, but of which, when the war was over, but six remained, one of these being the gallant captain who had been wounded nine times in battle. He married Maria Coleman, and among their children, was Charles Michael, of further mention.

Judge Charles Michael Egan, son of Michael and Maria (Coleman) Egan, was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, October 13, 1877, and in that community he has made his home throughout the entire period of his life to the present time. He was ambitious and industrious from boyhood, and after receiving his early education in St. Michael's Parochial School, at Jersey City, and in Public School No. 21, he continued his studies by taking evening courses in St. Peter's College, in Jersey City. He had early decided to enter the legal profession and when his preparatory work was completed he became a student in the New York Law School. He served his clerkship in the office of Vice-Chancellor John Griffin, in Jersey City, and completed his preparation for admission to the bar under Mr. Griffin's direction. On November 13, 1899, he was admitted to the New Jersey bar, and at once prepared to engaged in general practice in Jersey City. His clientele grew as did his reputation as an able and resourceful practitioner, and he found time to take an active interest in local political affairs. In November,

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1910, he was elected to represent Hudson county in the New Jersey House of Assembly, and so well did he meet the obligations of that important office that he was twice reëlected, receiving the highest vote at the primaries held in September, 1911, and again at those held in September, 1912, and also at the general elections held in November, 1911, and in November, 1912. At the request of Governor Woodrow Wilson, in 1911, he introduced the Public Utilities Act, the present law of the State. He also sponsored the present Loan Shark Law, the semi-monthly pay law for railroad employees, the Full Crew Law, the Juvenile Court Law, the Child Welfare and Vocational Training acts, and several others. He served as majority leader in the House of Assembly in 1913, and in the fall of that year was elected to the New Jersey Senate by the then phenomenal plurality of 28,213 votes, over Philip W. Grece, the Republican candidate, this being the largest plurality ever given a candidate for public office in any county in the State of New Jersey. In the Senate in 1915 he served on the Militia, Municipal Corporations, Revision of Laws, and Passed Bills committees. Upon the expiration of his senatorial term he was made assistant prosecutor under Prosecutor Robert S. Hudspeth, of Hudson county; assistant corporation counsel of Jersey City, under John Milton; and first assistant corporation counsel of Jersey City under corporation counsel, Thomas J. Brogan. On April 1, 1923, he was appointed by Governor Silzer president-judge of the Court of Common Pleas for Hudson county and that important official position he has ably filled to the present time.

Judge Egan was married, on June 14, 1916, to Eleanor Sausse Walsh, of Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, New York, by Rev. Matthew Flynn, in the Roman Catholic

Church of Our Lady of Angels, in the borough of Brooklyn, city of New York. They have three children born of the marriage: Virginia; Charles M., Jr., and James W.

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### SCHNEIDER, David,

**Business Man.**

In mercantile circles in Jersey City Mr. Schneider commands the respect and esteem of his contemporaries, and in distributing an attractive line of men's and women's apparel, is achieving his own success and meeting an important and practical need of the people. A native of Russia, Mr. Schneider is a son of Louis and Lillian (Zeidel) Schneider, who both lived and died in that country.

David Schneider was born in Vilna, Gobenda, Russia, October 15, 1879. Receiving his education in his native land, he also was engaged in business there for a few years. At the age of twenty-three years he came to America, and settling at once in Jersey City, he was first employed in a grocery store. When he had gained a practical familiarity with the language and customs of that country, he established an independent interest in the form of a butcher shop, at No. 310 Third street, Jersey City. He was active in this connection for about seven years, and very successful, but believing that he saw larger opportunities in another line of merchandising, he disposed of this business and founded the interest of which he is now the head. Opening a store at No. 205 Newark avenue, Jersey City, he offered to the public a very select line of ladies' apparel, cloaks, suits, and gowns, also attractive lingerie. In 1918 he opened a second store at No. 165 Newark avenue, which follows the same lines as the first, and is now his headquarters. On October 5, 1921, he opened another

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place at Nos. 236-8 Newark avenue, where he handles a complete line of furniture, including rugs, lamps, parlor suites, phonographs, beds, etc. For years he has been interested in real estate, both as a buyer and seller. These various interests largely command his time, but his relaxations are the theatre and motoring. He is deeply interested in the progress of the Hebrew synagogue at No. 298 Third street, and also the Hebrew school.

Mr. Schneider married, in Jersey City, on March 17, 1907, Anna Zhentlin, who was born in Russia, and is a daughter of Aaron and Dora Zhentlin, who now reside with their daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Schneider are the parents of six children: Louis, Lillian, Harry, Samuel, who died at the age of three years; George, and Benjamin. The family home is on Barrow street.

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### BOYLE, Roger,

**Engineer.**

Roger Boyle, chief engineer of the Jersey City Fire Department, is of Irish parentage, his father being Luke Boyle, a native of County Sligo, Ireland, who came to this country alone to try his fortune in the "land of opportunity," and soon became interested in the manufacture of straw board. He married Ann Costello, a native of Ireland, who died in Jersey City, October 7, 1902, survived by her husband, whose death occurred June 23, 1905. Luke and Ann (Costello) Boyle were the parents of five children: an infant, who died very young; Andrew J.; John F.; Roger, of further mention; and Luke. The last four mentioned all reside in Jersey City.

Roger Boyle, son of Luke and Ann (Costello) Boyle, was born in New York City, April 11, 1871, but was taken to Jersey City by his parents when he was one

year of age, and received his education in the public schools of the latter city, attending Public School No. 6, from which he was graduated. Upon the completion of his school training he became identified with his father's paper manufacturing business and continued in this connection until December, 1892, when he entered the services of the Jersey City Fire Department as hoseman. Eight years later, in 1900, he was promoted to the rank of captain; in 1908 he was made battalion chief; and on January 7, 1915, he was made chief engineer, which position he now holds. He is much interested in the turf, and follows closely the records of all the best known race horses in the country. His religious affiliation is with St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, of Jersey City.

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### BIOT, Peter T.,

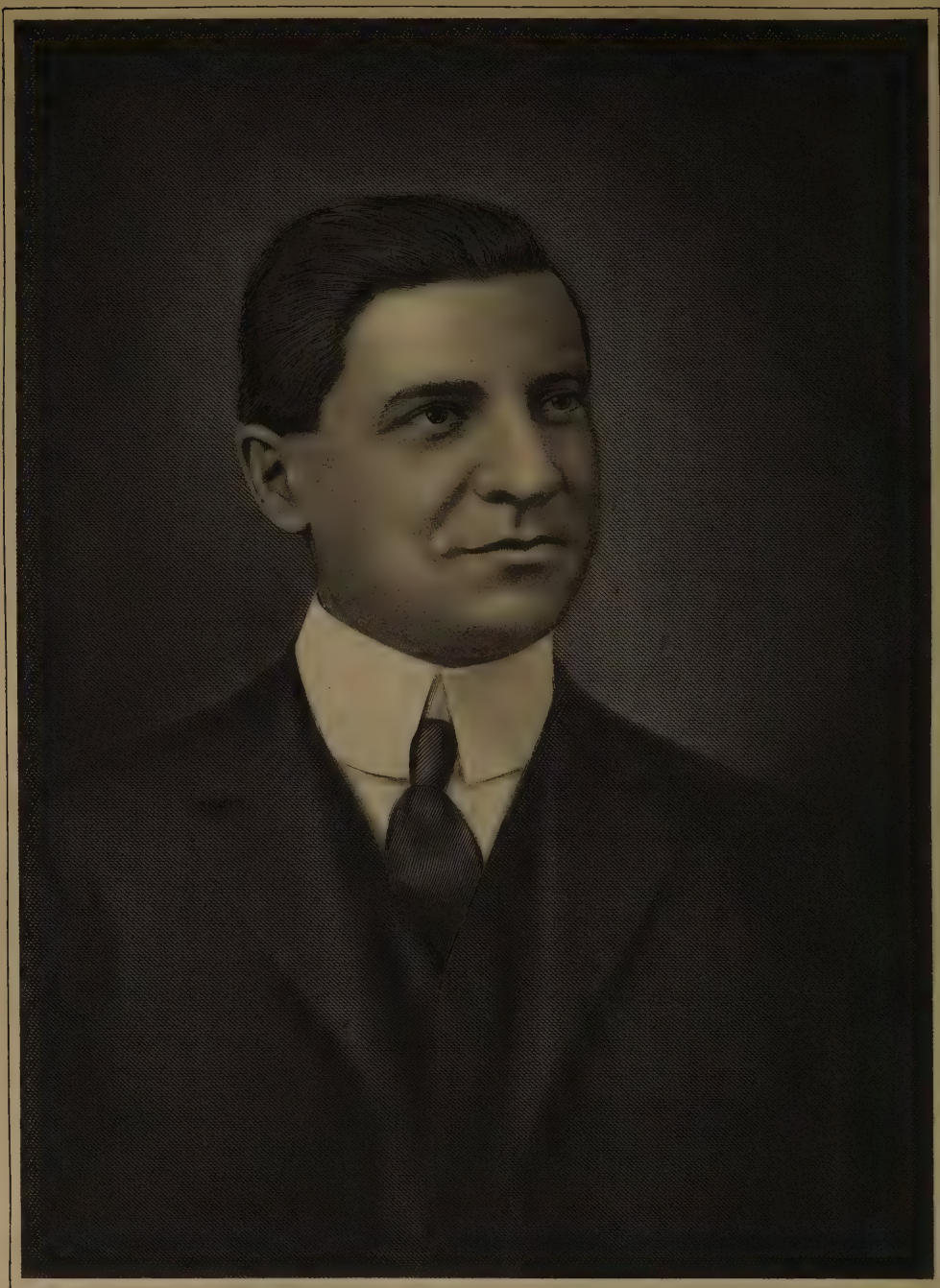
**Florist.**

The firm, Biot & Mouquin, Inc., florists, of Jersey City, is successor to the business founded by Garreau Brothers over sixty years ago at the corner of Boulevard and Graham street, Jersey City, the original business being the growing of plants. The present owners, Peter T. Biot and Charles A. Mouquin (whose sketch follows), acquired the business in 1921 and conduct both a wholesale and retail business, specializing in geraniums and chrysanthemums, producing and disposing of about 75,000 geranium plants yearly. The officers of Biot & Mouquin, Inc., are Peter T. Biot, president; Charles A. Mouquin, treasurer, both practical florists and men of business ability.

Peter T. Biot is a grandson of Joseph Biot, who came to the United States from Belgium, but was of French parentage. He was a wagon-maker of New York. His son, Peter Biot, was taught his







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father's trade and succeeded him in the wagon-making business.

Peter Biot married Emily Zeller, daughter of Charles Zeller, a florist, who was one of the first to grow carnations in the United States as a member of the firm of Dailedouze, Zeller & Gard. Carnations were originally grown in France, and in 1856 the firm introduced carnations into America. Through the cross breeding of different colored varieties of carnations obtained from France, a new variety was produced in 1858, which far exceeded the original carnations for beauty and sturdiness. This new variety was known as "Mrs. DeGrau," and, with another variety known as "Flatbush," was disseminated by the firm in 1864, and eight years later, in 1872, a catalogue containing fifty-four varieties, was issued. In the passing of the years Mr. Zeller and Mr. Gard died and left the firm in the hands of Eugene Dailedouze, who successfully conducted the business with his two brothers until his death in 1922. At this time the two remaining brothers took hold of the firm and are now conducting the business in Brooklyn, New York, under the name Dailedouze Brothers. Peter and Emily (Zeller) Biot were the parents of Peter T. Biot, of the firm of Biot & Mouquin, Inc., of Jersey City.

Peter T. Biot was born May 27, 1882, in Brooklyn, New York, and there was educated in the public schools. When a lad of twelve he began working around a greenhouse, and, having a love for flowers and their culture, inherited from his Grandfather Zeller, he adopted it as his life work. In 1921 the partnership, Biot & Mouquin, Inc., came into possession of the old Garreau Brothers floral plant, and there conducts a most prosperous business.

Peter T. Biot married, October 1, 1912, Charlotte Engle, of New York, and they

are the parents of two children: Lester Donald, and Charlotte A. The family home is in Jersey City.

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### MOUQUIN, Charles A.,

**Florist.**

Charles A. Mouquin, treasurer of Biot & Mouquin, Inc., florists at No. 3585 Boulevard, Jersey City, was born in New York City, January 31, 1888, son of John L. and Ida (Saubert) Mouquin, the father a native of Switzerland and the proprietor of a restaurant in New York. The lad, Charles A., attended Long Island public schools, and was variously employed until about 1911, when he became interested in the growing of plants and flowers as a business, since which time he has been engaged in that line of industry. In 1921 he became a member of the firm of Biot & Mouquin, Inc., a partner in the business founded by Garreau Brothers so long ago, and shares in the prosperity that is attending Biot & Mouquin in their undertakings.

Mr. Mouquin enlisted, May 2, 1917, and went overseas as a sergeant of Company B, 111th Division, American Expeditionary Forces. He was in the battle sectors for many weeks and saw the fiercest of the fighting during his year in France.

He married, May 4, 1917, Gertrude L. Cury, of Elmhurst, Long Island. The family home is at No. 147 Twenty-fifth street, Elmhurst, Long Island. Mr. Mouquin is a member of the Episcopal church.

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### SCHAUB, Ferdinand Adolph,

**Business Man.**

Among the prominent business men of Hudson county who have recently passed from the scene of their successes is Ferdinand Adolph Schaub, formerly identi-



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fied with the F. G. Otto Manufacturing Company, whose sudden death, on February 21, 1923, came as a shock to his many friends and associates, and caused deep and sincere grief.

Born in Jersey City, New Jersey, April 5, 1875, Mr. Schaub was a son of Adolph and Amelia (Otto) Schaub, the former of whom, brought to this country from Germany by his parents at a very early age, was engaged in business in Jersey City as an expert accountant, and the latter of whom was born in this country. He received a careful education in the German-American School, on Sherman avenue, in Jersey City, where he completed his studies about 1889. When school days were over he at once became associated with his uncles, Edmund and Gustave Otto, who were engaged in the manufacture of surgical and musical instruments, under the name of the F. G. Otto Manufacturing Company. That connection he maintained for nearly a quarter of a century, giving to the interests of the firm the best of his splendid ability. About 1912 he retired from active participation in the affairs of the F. G. Otto Manufacturing Company, and devoted his attention to real estate operation, in which line he continued until 1922. For five years he was the owner of "Alban Court," a family elevator house which was the first large apartment building in Jersey City, and he was well known as one of the most successful real estate operators of Hudson county.

In addition to the many business responsibilities already mentioned Mr. Schaub, who had, along with other studies, qualified as a mechanical engineer, was the inventor of several electrical devices which have been successfully marketed. He was held in the highest esteem both among his business associates and among his many friends,

and only time can fill the vacancy left by his sudden death. His religious interest was with the Bergen Reformed Church, of which both he and his family were attendants.

Ferdinand Adolph Schaub married, on April 30, 1901, at Jersey City, New Jersey, Henrietta W. Jaroschewsky, daughter of August and Louisa (Herche) Jaroschewsky. Mr. and Mrs. Schaub became the parents of five children, of whom four are living: Emma, born April 14, 1902; Lulu, born September 22, 1905; Gertrude, born August 13, 1909; and Raymond, who was born January 26, 1912.

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### LOORI, Joseph J.,

Lawyer.

Among the younger legal practitioners of Jersey City to-day, Mr. Loori is a leading figure, and his constructive activities in public affairs place him among those men who bear special and permanent significance to the well being of the people. Mr. Loori is a native of this city, and a son of Anthony and Mary (Vesper) Loori, for many years esteemed residents of Hudson county.

Joseph J. Loori was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, January 9, 1891. His education was begun in the local public schools and he later attended Hasbrouck Institute, from which he graduated four years later. With this preparation he entered Cornell University in the department of civil engineering, but eventually chose the legal profession as his field of permanent endeavor, and enrolled in the New Jersey Law School, at Newark, being graduated in the class of 1915. In June of the following year he was admitted to the bar of New Jersey as an attorney, and as a counsellor in 1922. For a short time in 1916 Mr. Loori practiced alone,

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then formed a partnership with T. Burton Coyle, under the firm name of Loori & Coyle, and this partnership was dissolved only with Mr. Loori's enlistment in the United States Navy in February, 1918. He was stationed at Section Base No. 6, at Bensonhurst, Brooklyn, New York, until just a month after the signing of the armistice, receiving his honorable discharge on December 11, 1918. Returning to Jersey City, Mr. Loori resumed the practice of law independently and continued thus for one year, when he formed a partnership with George F. Lahey, Jr., under the firm name Loori & Lahey, this association enduring to the present. Mr. Loori has won his way to marked success, now commanding an extensive general practice, and specializing in criminal law, in which field he is attaining wide note.

In public life Mr. Loori supports the Republican party and for a number of years has been an enthusiastic worker in its ranks. In the fall of 1920 he was elected to the New Jersey House of Assembly, and during his service as a legislator did much excellent and progressive work. He was appointed chairman of the committee on miscellaneous business and served on the committees of elections and prisons. Other important responsibilities were placed in his hands as a member of the committee to investigate public office holders and public offices, representing Hudson county. Senator William B. Mackay, Jr., was chairman of this investigating committee. Mr. Loori was one of the supporters of the change in the Compensation Act, and for his work in this connection he was decorated by the Italian Government as Chevalier of the Crown of Italy, the same honor being accorded to Senators Simpson and Runyon, who were associated with him in these efforts. Mr. Loori is a leading

member of the Order of the Sons of Italy, and is fraternally prominent also in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He was one of the organizers of the Clio Club, and is popular in social circles. He is a member of the Holy Rosary Roman Catholic Church, and resides at No. 545 Pavonia avenue, Jersey City.

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### **SAMPERE, Joseph,**

#### **Hotel Proprietor.**

Joseph Sampere, proprietor of the Continental Hotel in Hoboken, New Jersey, is successfully engaged in catering to an extensive South European patronage. Born in Palermo, Italy, March 14, 1890, Mr. Sampere is a son of Michael, a native of Italy, who, after serving in the Italian army and as a member of the Italian police department, came to this country and established a tonsorial parlor in Hoboken, New Jersey, and of Angelina Sampere. He came to this country with his parents when he was seven years of age and received his education in the public schools of New York City and of Hoboken, New Jersey, and then began his association with the hotel business by securing a position as porter in Naglis Hotel in Hoboken. For fifteen years he maintained his connection with that hotel, during which time he was promoted to the position of steamship runner.

In 1917 the hotel was purchased by a Mr. Meyers, and upon the entrance of the United States into the World War, Mr. Sampere enlisted for service. He served overseas for nine months with the 334th Field Artillery, of the 87th Division, and received his honorable discharge at Camp Dix, Wrightstown, New Jersey, in March, 1918. He then returned to Naglis Hotel and remained in the employ of Mr. Meyers for six months. At the end of that time he enlarged his ex-

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perience by associating himself with the Fisher Hotel in Hoboken, with which he remained for two years as the steamship representative. He then took over the management of the old Continental Hotel, at the corner of Hudson and Fourteenth streets, in November, 1922. The Continental Hotel is one of the oldest in the city and caters mostly to a South European patronage. It formerly contained twenty-two rooms, but has been remodeled and now contains all improvements. The five-story building of Philadelphia brick is well built and attractive in appearance and is owned by Senator Rape, formerly president of the Second National Bank, of Hoboken, New Jersey. Under Mr. Sampere's notorious and efficient management, the patronage of the Continental Hotel is rapidly increasing. He understands thoroughly the needs of his patrons and he is rapidly establishing a reputation as a genial host, an efficient business man, and a good citizen. Politically he casts his vote independently. He is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, of Hoboken, New Jersey; and his religious affiliation is with St. Francis' Church, of Hoboken.

Joseph Sampere married, on September 10, 1921, in Palermo, Italy, while on a visit home, Sarena Sapanza, daughter of Paul and Angelina Sapanza, and they are the parents of one son, Michael.

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### HALL, Frank Hillman,

**Lawyer.**

Hudson county may well be proud of its long list of able men of the legal profession, many of whom are numbered among the most successful practitioners of New York City. One of these is Frank Hillman Hall, who, since 1895, has been successfully engaged in practice,

first in Jersey City and then, for the past twenty years, in New York City.

Hillman A. Hall, father of Frank Hillman Hall, was born in Argyle, New York, May 14, 1836, and died January 14, 1914. He was for many years engaged in the life insurance business in Washington, District of Columbia, where his death occurred. He married Jennie B. Carpenter, who was born in Amsterdam, New York, July 30, 1843, and is now living in Englewood, New Jersey. Hillman A. and Jennie B. (Carpenter) Hall were the parents of two children: Marion, who married John T. D. Blackburn and is now residing in Albany, New York; and Frank Hillman Hall, of further mention.

Frank Hillman Hall, son of Hillman A. and Jennie B. (Carpenter) Hall, was born in Washington, District of Columbia, July 13, 1870. He received his earliest education in the public schools of Washington and then entered the preparatory school known as the Columbia, in Washington. When his preparatory work was completed he matriculated in Princeton College, at Princeton, New Jersey, from which he was graduated in 1892. He had begun his professional study in George Washington University, and continued his legal studies in the New York Law School after 1893, when he removed to Jersey City, New Jersey. In November, 1895, he was admitted to the New Jersey bar. Two years later he became a member of the firm of Dickinson, Thompson & McMaster, attorneys, and that connection he maintained until 1898, when the partnership was dissolved. He then became associated with Charles D. Thompson, under the firm name of Thompson & Hall, and in that connection he continued to engage in general practice in Jersey City until 1904. In 1906 he became associated with the firm of Steele & Otis, whose offices were located at No. 25



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Broad street, New York City. The firm name was later changed to that of Steele, Otis & Hall, and Mr. Hall's association with that firm was continued until January, 1910, when the firm was dissolved. Since that time he has been continuously and successfully engaged in practice alone, and at the present time (1923) his offices are located in Room No. 2143, 17 Battery place, New York City. He has built up a large and important clientele and has made for himself an enviable reputation as a conservative counselor and as an able, resourceful and effective advocate. Along with his many professional responsibilities and activities, he has always maintained an interest in local public affairs in the city of Englewood, Bergen county, where he now resides. He was one of the organizers and was active in the management of the Eighth Ward Republican Club of Jersey City and was counsel to the Hudson County Park Commission until 1911. He is well known in club circles, being a member of the Princeton Club and the Whitehall Club, both of New York City; and of the Englewood Club, the Englewood Golf Club, the Knickerbocker Country Club, all of Englewood. He is also president of the Princeton Alumni Association of Northern New Jersey. He finds healthful recreation and enjoyable social intercourse in his favorite pastimes of fishing and golfing and he has always maintained his interest in all out-of-door athletic sports. His religious affiliation is with the Presbyterian church, of Englewood.

Mr. Hall married (first) Alice Scudder, the ceremony being performed April 22, 1897; (second), February 19, 1921, Frances (Bellman) Venino. To the first marriage two children were born: Alice May, born April 22, 1903; and Frank H., Jr., born March 23, 1907.

### ADAMS, Wade Hill,

#### Business Man.

As business manager and vice-president of the Durham Duplex Razor Company of Jersey City, Wade Hill Adams is assisting in directing the affairs of one of the well known and thoroughly established concerns of the State of New Jersey. The Durham Duplex razor possesses qualities of efficiency, simplicity and convenience, which create for it a steadily increasing demand, and when to the intrinsic value of the product produced is added expert management and superior service, success is assured.

James Pinckney Adams, father of Wade Hill Adams, was a native of Chester county, South Carolina, where he owned a cotton plantation and where he died in 1881, at the age of sixty-three years. He married Julia Proctor, of Lincoln county, North Carolina, who died in Denver, North Carolina, the home of her parents, in 1893, and they were the parents of children, among whom was Wade Hill, of further mention.

Wade Hill Adams, son of James Pinckney and Julia (Proctor) Adams, was born in Mooresville, North Carolina, November 2, 1876, but removed to Davidson, North Carolina, with his parents, when he was a boy. He prepared for college under the direction of private tutors and then became a student in Trinity College, of Durham, North Carolina, from which he was graduated in 1899, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. The following year he received the degree of Master of Arts from the same institution and the next fall he began a course of study in the Harvard Graduate School of English, where he remained for one year. At the end of that time, in 1902, he removed to New York City, where he became associated with the American Tobacco Company.

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That connection was continuously maintained for eight years, at the end of which time, in 1909, Mr. Adams resigned his position in order that he might accept the official position of secretary, and a place on the board of directors of the Durham Duplex Razor Company, of Jersey City. In 1919 he was elected to the official position of vice-president of the company, which position he continues to hold at the present time (1923). During the World War Mr. Adams served as captain in the Ordnance Department at Washington, District of Columbia, for one year and received his honorable discharge in December, 1918.

Fraternally he is affiliated with Montclair Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Montclair; and he is also well known in club circles, being a member of the Rotary Club; Upper Montclair Country Club; Montclair Athletic Club; and Montclair Commonwealth Club. He is also a member of the New York Southern Society, and of the Army and Navy Club of New York City. His religious affiliation is with the Christian Congregational Church, of Montclair. Mr. Adams has a host of friends, both among his business associates and among those with whom he comes in contact in other connections, and enjoys the high esteem of his many friends who value him both as a successful business man and as a progressive citizen, as well as for his sterling qualities of character and his pleasing personal qualities.

Wade Hill Adams married, at Dallas, Texas, June 2, 1910, Jane Douglass Cockrell, daughter of Judge Joseph E., of Dallas, Texas, president of the Dallas National Bank, and of Emma Lee (Meadors) Cockrell. Mr. and Mrs. Adams are the parents of three children: Wade Hill, Jr., born July 23, 1911; Joseph Cockrell,

born January 24, 1915; and Mary Jane, born July 6, 1919.

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### HOGAN, Anna B.,

**Lawyer.**

Since 1920 Miss Hogan has been a member of the New Jersey bar and a practitioner in Jersey City, her offices at No. 76 Montgomery street. She is gaining a clientele as rapidly as a young lawyer can and is winning her way into the public confidence. Her tastes would lead her into the practice of criminal law, but her practice as yet has been principally domestic troubles. She has not yet reached the legal limit of years at the bar to be admitted a counsellor-at-law, this necessarily limiting her practice. She is a native daughter of Jersey City, her parents, William F. and Beatrice Hogan.

Miss Hogan began her education in Jersey City public schools and from high school passed to New York University Law School, having decided upon a professional career. She completed study at the university, class of 1918, and read law with Vreedenburg, Wall & Corey, of Jersey City, until admitted to the New Jersey bar as an attorney at the February term, 1920. She is a member of the Hudson County Bar Association and an active worker in the Democratic party. She is highly esteemed among her contemporaries of the bar and has a wide circle of acquaintances and friends.

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### LOOMIS, Harold W.,

**Realtor, Insurance Operator.**

Prominent among the real estate and insurance men of Jersey City is Harold W. Loomis, who began his active career ten years ago in New York City, where he entered the insurance field. Since 1917 he has been engaged in business in Jersey

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City, and for the past two years has been conducting a concern of his own under the firm name of Loomis & Harris. The late Frank W. Loomis, father of Mr. Loomis, was an inventor and a manufacturer, and for many years was president of the F. W. Loomis Gas Engine Company. He was well known as a man of large general ability and of sound judgment and held an influential place among his associates. He married Mary Edith Feltus, who is also deceased.

Harold W. Loomis, son of Frank W. and Mary Edith (Feltus) Loomis, was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, May 12, 1895, and received his education in the public schools of that city. After completing his high school course he entered the employ of the Home Insurance Company of New York City, with whom he remained for six years, mastering all the details of that business and gaining valuable knowledge of human nature. At the end of that time he associated himself with the firm of Ryer-Hague, of Jersey City, and four years later, July 15, 1921, he formed a partnership with Mr. Harris, under the firm name of Loomis & Harris, and established a real estate and insurance concern, located at No. 94 Bostwick avenue, in Jersey City. The enterprise has met with most encouraging success and is already one of the well established concerns of its kind in the city. In addition to his responsibilities as senior partner of the firm of Loomis & Harris, Mr. Loomis is also a member of the board of directors of the Euclid Building and Loan Association, of Jersey City.

Politically he gives his support to the principles and the candidates of the Democratic party. During the World War he enlisted, April 6, 1917, in the Fourth Regiment, 113th Infantry, and served about a year, at the end of which time he

received his honorable discharge, being disabled. Later he again enlisted, this time with the Headquarters Company of the Casualty Detachment, United States Air Service, with whom he served for two years, receiving his honorable discharge on January 15, 1920. He is a member of Albert Quinn Post, No. 52, American Legion; and his religious affiliation is with the Claremont Presbyterian Church.

Harold W. Loomis married, on June 28, 1923, Ruth Reeves, daughter of Revere and Helen (Parker) Reeves, the former of whom is superintendent of docks, in the employ of the Pennsylvania railroad. Mr. and Mrs. Loomis have no children.

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### HARRIS, Walter Nelson,

#### Real Estate Operator.

Affiliated with the general advance in Jersey City, New Jersey, as a dealer and broker in real estate, Walter Nelson Harris is filling a largely important part in the economic progress of the city and county, and through his tireless energy and practical ability is winning gratifying success. Facing life as a youth with only his personal equipment by which to attain his ends, Mr. Harris has proved his worth, and in achieving his present noteworthy position has benefited and aided the progressive endeavors of the day. He is a son of George and Mary (Filby) Harris, who both died when he was yet an infant. They were the parents of four children, of whom only two are now living: Ida, wife of Robert Lettenberger, of Jersey City; and Walter Nelson, whose name entitles this review.

Walter Nelson Harris was born at Jersey City, New Jersey, October 29, 1888. His education was begun at Public School No. 7, of this city, and he later attended Public School No. 28, but the necessity for assuming the responsibility of his own



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maintenance precluded a higher education along formal lines. Mr. Harris entered the employ of the well-known firm of patent attorneys of New York City, D. W. & H. V. Brown, and was active in that connection for a period of thirteen years. He then entered the real estate field in Jersey City, and on July 15, 1921, the firm of Loomis & Harris was organized. This firm of progressive and forward-looking young men is handling large interests in the real estate field, and they are also carrying forward a steadily increasing interest in the field of insurance, representing several of the old line companies and various of the leading concerns which offer protection against accident, disaster, and so forth. With offices at No. 94 Bostwick avenue, they are numbered among the really significant organizations of the day in their field. Mr. Harris is a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and his leisure interests follow the line of outdoor sports. He played baseball on the Monarchs, one of the best of the local clubs, and he is also an expert fisherman. He is a member of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Harris married, on October 6, 1915, in Jersey City, Jessie Stiven, who was born in this city and is a daughter of William and Elizabeth Stiven, well-known residents of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Harris have one daughter: Dorothy Elizabeth, born in January, 1920.

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### GILBERT, William,

#### Auctioneer.

At No. 112 Bowers street, Jersey City, New Jersey, William Gilbert, in partnership with his son, is conducting a thriving auction business. He was for some years engaged in the real estate business, but for the past five years has been suc-

cessfully engaged in business as an auctioneer. He is also a notary public.

Bullen Gilbert, father of Mr. Gilbert, was born in Dublin, Ireland, but came to this country with his wife and children in early manhood and settled in Jersey City, New Jersey, where he engaged in business as a bookkeeper, and where he died at the age of sixty-five years. His wife, Clara Gilbert, bore him nine children, of whom seven are living: Clara; Mabel; Herbert; Edna; William, of further mention; Eva; and Fannie.

William Gilbert, son of Bullen and Clara Gilbert, was born in Montreal, Canada, September 27, 1885. He was brought to Jersey City by his parents when he was three years of age. He attended the public schools of Jersey City and graduated from Grammar School No. 7. When his school training was completed he was employed in various lines of activity until 1908, when he entered the employ of a real estate firm in New York City, where he remained for a period of four years, during which time he devoted his energy to the interest of his employer and to gaining a knowledge of the business. In 1912 he severed his connection with the firm in New York City and engaged in the real estate business for himself, using his residence as headquarters. He built up a prosperous enterprise, but after six years of experience in buying and selling real property he decided to engage in the business of auctioneer and opened an office at No. 44 Bowers street. That was in 1918, and within two years the business had grown to proportions which required larger quarters. He removed, January, 1921, to his present location at No. 112 Bowers street, and there he has continued to the present time (1923). He finds recreation in hunting, and is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of the International





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Lions Club. His religious affiliation is with the Presbyterian church.

In Jersey City, New Jersey, William Gilbert married Dorothy Emma Flentje, who was born in New York City, daughter of Charles and Louise Flentje, both of whom are residents of Jersey City. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert have no children.

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### **MILLER, Morris,**

#### **Hardware Merchant.**

The hardware business conducted under the firm name, Morris Miller, at No. 620 Newark avenue, Jersey City, was formerly known as Miller & Company, and was founded in 1901 at No. 626 Newark avenue by Morris Miller. Their establishment was moved to No. 597 Newark avenue, removing to the present location in 1915. The Miller Hardware store, now twenty-two years established, is a landmark in that section, having been at the three numbers, not half a block apart, during its entire existence. Morris Miller, its founder, is of New York City birth, son of Abraham and Augusta (Dryer) Miller, his father a tailor who came from Europe to the United States in 1866, and died in Hoboken, New Jersey. Augusta (Dryer) Miller, also of foreign birth, died in Hoboken, the mother of eight children, seven of whom are living: Rachel; Elias; Samuel; Esther; Morris, of further mention; Lot-tie; Pauline.

Morris Miller was born in New York City, July 30, 1878. He attended public school until the age of twelve years, when he became a worker in a pocket-book factory in Hoboken, New Jersey, Hoboken having been the family home from his fifth year (1883). He remained with the firm of Lehman & Rodnetz, manufacturers of pocket-books, for several years, then entered the employ of the Goodyear Rubber Company, in New York City,

later going with Batterson & Eisler, marble and granite dealers, with whom he remained for nine years. In October, 1901, as Miller & Company, he entered business life as a merchant, and at No. 626 Newark avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey, opened a hardware store. That business has grown and prospered abundantly and is now conducted under the firm name of Morris Miller. Mr. Miller is a member of the Metropolitan Hardware Association, the Jersey City Chamber of Commerce, the Masonic order, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, his recreation being his home garden.

Mr. Miller married, in Jersey City, June 10, 1906, Annie Goodman, born in New York City, daughter of Israel and Nathalia Goodman, her mother deceased, her father a resident of Jersey City. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are the parents of three children: Harold Louis; Melville Fulton, Nathalia Augusta.

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### **STUHR, Thomas Miller,**

#### **Lawyer.**

Thomas Miller Stuhr is the son of a former State Senator and attorney-at-law, and is himself a member of the legal profession, practicing in Hoboken, New Jersey. His parents were William S. and Marietta (Miller) Stuhr. William S. Stuhr was born in Brooklyn, New York, October 1, 1859, and died February 23, 1918. Marietta (Miller) Stuhr was born in New York City, in April, 1868, and is still living in Jersey City, New Jersey.

Thomas Miller Stuhr was born in Hoboken, New Jersey, July 28, 1897, and educated at Hoboken Academy and New York Law School, graduating from the latter with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1918. He was admitted to the State bar in February, 1920, and has since practiced in his native city. He is an Inde-

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pendent in political matters. He is a member of the Hudson County Bar Association, and the New Jersey State Bar Association. In his religious faith he is a Baptist.

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**PFISTNER, Frederick,**

**Business Man.**

Frederick Pfistner, tin, slate and metal roofer and sheet iron worker, of No. 108 Lincoln street, Jersey City, was born in Germany, March 4, 1860, and there spent the first twenty years of his life, obtaining a good education and becoming a sheet metal worker by trade. In 1880 he came to the United States alone and located in New York City, where he found work at his trade and there remained for fourteen years. In 1894 he came to Jersey City, New Jersey, and in 1897 he established his present business, continuing in the same line until the present (1923), a period of twenty-six years. All these years his shops have been on Lincoln street, his present location having been purchased in 1907. To it he has since added a story in height, with a garage and store-room in the rear.

Mr. Pfistner married, in New York City, in January, 1889, Barbara Metz, who was brought from Germany when three years of age. They are the parents of a son, Frederick, born October 10, 1889. He was educated in public schools and Drake's Business College, then learned his father's trade, which he has since followed. He married, March 12, 1919, Ethel Donia, daughter of Edwin and Emma Donia, of Jersey City.

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**ALTOMONTE, Lawrence M.,**

**Business Man.**

Lawrence M. Altomonte, of this review, although a native of Italy, is now one of

the public-spirited citizens of this country, contributing his share to the welfare of the city in which he resides. He was born in Sorto Serpico, Province of Avellino, Italy, on March 13, 1887, son of Anthony and Agnes (Ristaino) Altomonte, and there spent the first fourteen years of his life.

Anthony and Agnes (Ristaino) Altomonte, parents of Lawrence M. Altomonte, were both born in Italy, came to the United States in 1901, and have long resided at No. 107 Railroad avenue and Grove street, Jersey City, the former a retired merchant and steamship ticket agent. They are the parents of five children, all living: Grace, married Anthony DiTore, and resides in Seattle, Washington; Charles, of Jersey City; Joseph, of Jersey City; Lawrence M., of this review; and Fenizia, married G. Barba, of Jersey City.

Lawrence M. Altomonte acquired a good education. He was variously employed during the years of his youthful manhood until 1919, when he established his present business, The Marion Auto Trucking Company, Inc., of which he is manager. The company is located at No. 12 Wright avenue, Jersey City, has in its equipment five five-ton trucks, and does both local and long-distance hauling. A good business is developing, and under Mr. Altomonte's management the company is prospering. He is a member of the J. Altomonte Association of Jersey City, named after his brother, Joseph Altomonte, and since 1920 has served under the city government as sanitary inspector. Mr. Altomonte is a Democrat in politics, and a member of several Italian societies, including the Colonial Society, Michael Angelo Bunnarroti Lodge, Sons of Italy; Italian-American Club; Italian Colonial Band; and the Santol Rosalio Mutual Benefit Society.

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Lawrence M. Altomonte married, in Jersey City, May 3, 1917, Catherine De Ute, born in that city, daughter of Ralph De Ute. Mr. and Mrs. Altomonte are the parents of three children: Agnes; Filomena; and Anthony.

Although devoted to his business and the duties of his city position, Lawrence M. Altomonte has a great liking for a game of baseball, and delights in an evening at the opera. He is highly esteemed in his community and merits the high regard in which he is held.

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### **FAILING, Willis Herman,**

**Lawyer.**

One of the foremost figures in the field of corporation law to-day in Jersey City is Willis Herman Failing, whose position as claims attorney for the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey is one of large responsibility. Mr. Failing made his professional preparations in eastern institutions, and has won prominence and success through his ability to grasp every phase of a situation and bring out clearly the logical relation between facts and events. His fraternal and other affiliations give his name wide significance, and he is numbered among the really noteworthy men of the city.

Willis Herman Failing was born in Canajoharie, Montgomery county, New York, February 9, 1876, and is a son of Henry C. and Nellie L. (Cramer) Failing. He is a graduate of Public School No. 89, of New York City, class of 1891, and also attended New York Preparatory School, Walworth Business College, and the College of the City of New York. Thereafter taking up his legal studies at New York University, he was graduated from that institution in the class of 1901, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Meantime, during the entire

course of his higher education Mr. Failing was identified, in one capacity or another, with the New York Central Railroad Company, having entered the offices of this concern July 1, 1891, shortly following his graduation from grammar school. Upon the completion of his education Mr. Failing was given a responsible position in the legal department of that road and was thus engaged until his resignation, which took effect October 1, 1915. On this date he received his appointment as claims attorney for the Central Railroad of New Jersey, with offices in Jersey City, and he has since been active in this position, his work counting in no slight measure for the success and prosperity of this important public service enterprise. In many branches of public advance and organized effort Mr. Failing bears a constructive part, and during the World War he served as a member of the Legal Advisory Board in New York City. He takes especial interest in every line of welfare work, is past president and a director of the Central Railroad of New Jersey Athletic Association, and is at this time (1923) president of the Association of Railway Claim Agents of the United States and Canada.

Mr. Failing is past master of Gavel Lodge, No. 703, Free and Accepted Masons, of New York City; Ivy Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and Union Council, No. 2, Royal and Select Masters, also of New York City. He is further affiliated with Crusader Commandery, Knights Templar, of White Plains, New York; and Mecca Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of New York City. He is an honorary member of the Railroad Square Club of Jersey City, a member of the New York Railroad Club, and is a leading figure in all forward endeavor in railroad circles. His leisure interests include various



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sports, but his favorite pastime is chess, and he is a member and director of the Manhattan Chess Club, of New York City. He attends the Methodist Episcopal church, of Westfield, New Jersey.

Willis Herman Failing married, in New York City, on November 3, 1898, Hannah Taylor, and they have one son: S. Donald, born May 10, 1900.

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### MOORE, Edwin H.,

#### **Business Man.**

In the contracting world of Jersey City, New Jersey, Edwin H. Moore holds a leading position and for fifty-five years has been active in this field, for a full half century in an independent way. Mr. Moore's large ability and long experience have given him a foremost position in this important branch of industrial progress, and he is counted not only a successful man, but an authority on various phases of the work in which he is engaged.

The Moore family has been prominent in the State of New Jersey for fully two hundred years, having come originally from England. The old homestead at Belleville, New Jersey, is still in the possession of the family, Mr. Moore's son owning the property and residing there. William B. Moore, Mr. Moore's father, was born in New York City, and was a traveling salesman by occupation, practically spending his entire life on the road. He died in Jersey City, at the age of eighty-one years. The mother, Jane W. (Vreeland) Moore, was born in Paterson, New Jersey, and is a member of the old and distinguished Vreeland family of that city, which has been established in that city for upwards of three centuries and came originally from Holland. She died in Jersey City, at the age of ninety-two years.

Edwin H. Moore was born in Paterson, New Jersey, November 8, 1850. His early education was received at the Belleville Academy, at Belleville, New Jersey, and he later attended school in Newark, then in the year 1865, entered upon an apprenticeship to the builder's trade. Taking up his activities as a journeyman in the year 1868, he was active in the employ of leading contractors of that time for about five years, then in 1873 established his own interest at No. 116 Newark avenue, Jersey City, doing business under his own name. Well equipped for his work and possessing the courage and faith in the future, which is such a useful and valuable asset, Mr. Moore went forward to large success and has become a leader in his field in Hudson county. In the year 1922 he erected the fine building which he now occupies at Nos. 733-735 Communipaw avenue, in Jersey City, and although he is now one of the venerable figures in the contracting business in Jersey City, he is daily at his desk, actively handling the affairs of the business. His long familiarity with construction work has given him a comprehensive knowledge of the problems involved, and he is often sought in an advisory capacity by his contemporaries in this field. A Republican by political affiliation, Mr. Moore was brought forward in the year 1890 as a candidate for alderman, but his life has been too full of business activities to permit his accepting public responsibilities other than such as align with his work. He was influential in bringing about the present laws which govern plumbing activities in Jersey City and was appointed the first plumbing inspector in this city, serving for one year. He has for many years been a member of the Jersey City Chamber of Commerce, and fraternally he is identified with the Free and Accepted Masons, of which he





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is past master, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. The interests of his leisure include outdoor sports and he has always been particularly fond of water sports, serving for a number of years as commodore of the Pavonia Yacht Club. His religious affiliation is with the Congregational church.

Mr. Moore has two children: Edna M., wife of J. P. Wilson, of Westfield, New Jersey; and Robert Grant, who is the secretary and general manager of the Edwin H. Moore Company, plumbing and heating contractors, located at Nos. 733 and 735 Communipaw avenue.

### **HURWITZ, Major Jonah,**

**Attorney, World War Veteran.**

Among the members of the New Jersey bar who are successfully engaged in general practice in Hudson county is Major Jonah Hurwitz, of the firm of Hurwitz & Rothstein, whose offices are located at No. 163 Bergenline avenue, Union Hill, New Jersey. Mr. Hurwitz has been engaged in practice there since 1922, and has met with encouraging success. He is a son of Jacob and Amelia (Smith) Hurwitz, the former of whom is engaged in the real estate business in Hudson county and in New York City.

Born in Union Hill, New Jersey, January 1, 1896, Mr. Hurwitz attended the public schools of Union Hill, graduating from the high school with the class of 1912. The following fall he entered Cornell University, from which he was graduated in 1916 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. After studying for two years in New York University, he matriculated in George Washington University, in Washington, D. C., from which he was graduated in 1919, after completing three years of extensive graduate study. He then began his professional

preparation in the New Jersey Law School, at Newark, graduating in February, 1921, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. In June of the same year he was admitted to the New Jersey bar as an attorney. After serving a clerkship with Judge Platoff, he formed a partnership with George Rothstein and under the firm name of Hurwitz & Rothstein, opened offices at No. 163 Bergenline avenue, where he has since been engaged in building up a clientele which is steadily growing.

On March 17, 1918, at Baltimore, Maryland, Mr. Hurwitz married Frances Scheff, daughter of Charles and Tauby (Tictine) Scheff, of Washington, D. C. Mr. and Mrs. Hurwitz have no children.

Mr. Hurwitz is unusually well prepared for a successful career, and his academic achievement represents only a part of his generous equipment. He is a man of wide interests and during his college days was what is there termed an "all around" man. He was prominent in athletics, playing, while at Cornell, on the Arts College basketball and baseball teams, and while at New York University he played on the 'Varsity Chess Team. He is well known in college fraternity circles, being a member of the following fraternities: Phi Epsilon Pi (Cornell University Chapter), Lambda Alpha Phi (New Jersey Law School Chapter), and Zeta Gamma Phi (Jersey City). Upon the entrance of the United States into the World War in 1917, he enlisted in the medical corps, at Washington Barracks, in Washington, D. C., and served for twelve months, receiving his honorable discharge in 1918. He is a member of the Charles A. Cusick Post, American Legion, of West New York, and is also an active member of the Young Men's Hebrew Association, of North Hudson, and an interested member of Union Hill

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### **ROTHSTEIN, George,**

**Lawyer, World War Veteran.**

A veteran of the World War, during which he served in the Chemical Warfare Division, Mr. Rothstein is a member of the law firm of Hurwitz & Rothstein, of Union Hill, New Jersey. He was born in New York City, March 28, 1900, son of Simon and Regina (Lewin) Rothstein. His parents were residents of New York City, and Mr. Rothstein spent his boyhood in that city.

He received his preliminary education in the public schools of New York. His parents were anxious to give him every possible educational opportunity, and after completing the grammar school course he was also to proceed to high school without delay. He was graduated from high school upon completion of the four years' course, and the following autumn enlisted in the United States Military Service. After his discharge he completed one year's training at New York University, and the next autumn took up the study of law at this institution. His parents approved heartily of his desire to become a lawyer, and gave him every help during his college years. Mr. Rothstein devoted himself to his studies with unusual energy and concentration, and established something of a reputation for scholarship, winning the regard of his instructors and classmates and exhibiting even as a student those powers of analysis, concentration and forensic phrases which are contributing so much to his present success. He completed the full course of study at the New York University Law School and was graduated therefrom as a member of

the class of 1922, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. While attending high school and law school he worked during spare time in order to help pay for tuition and expenses at college, and to lessen the expense to his parents. Just before his graduation, in February of the same year, he had passed the required examinations of the New Jersey State bar and had been admitted to practice in that State. In preparation for this, he associated himself with Samuel L. Hirschberg, the well known New Jersey attorney, and read law in his office for a period of several months. At length, however, he decided that the time had come for him to establish an independent practice, and accordingly he entered into a partnership with Major J. Hurwitz of Union Hill. The partnership was established in 1922, and although its offices here have not been open very long, the firm has met with unusual success. Mr. Rothstein and his partner have established a reputation for their self-sacrificing devotion to the interests of their clients, and are generally regarded as among the most capable and progressive of the legal profession in Hudson county.

During the World War Mr. Rothstein offered his services to the United States Government, and was assigned to duty in the Chemical Warfare Division, at University Heights, New York. In this extremely hazardous and taxing branch of the service he spent three months, and had it not been for the signing of the armistice, which put an end to hostilities and to the need for the manufacture of noxious gases, explosives, and the various means by which these agencies of destruction are combatted, he would undoubtedly have received a commission and been assigned a command. As it was he received an honorable discharge at the end



*George Rothstein*





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of the war, and returned to his studies in New York City. Mr. Rothstein takes the greatest interest in local and national political affairs. He belongs to various fraternal and social organizations, and is a great believer in the principles of progress and civil advancement. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, belonging to Union Hill Lodge, No. 1357, at the meetings of which he is a regular attendant. He also belongs to the Auf Der Heide Association, and finds great pleasure in the opportunities for social intercourse and constructive political activity afforded by this organization. In religious faith Mr. Rothstein is a Hebrew, and he is a loyal and devoted member of the Young Men's Hebrew Association of North Hudson. He takes a great interest in the work of this organization in maintaining the highest racial, cultural and social as well as ethical standards among its members, and he is a vigorous supporter of all the humanitarian work undertaken by this organization and by other Jewish agencies for the relief and aid of the sick, the aged, and the distressed.

Mr. Rothstein is unmarried, and makes his home in West New York, New Jersey.

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### **SCHENCK, Vincent Rowland,**

#### **Insurance Actuary.**

Vincent Rowland Schenck, who holds a foremost position in the insurance advance of Hudson county, New Jersey, is a figure of significance to the permanent annals of this section, and his prominence in fraternal and club circles places his name among the broadly familiar names of the day in the metropolitan district. Mr. Schenck is a member of a very old family of New Jersey, of Holland origin, a family which has given to the world in every generation men of

high mental calibre, progressive spirit and unimpeachable integrity. Rev. John W. Schenck, Mr. Schenck's father, was a clergyman of the Reformed Dutch church, widely known in this State and universally honored. The mother, Sophia (Satterlee) Schenck, was a member of a prominent New York family.

Born at Ithaca, New York, in the year 1860, Vincent R. Schenck received his early education in the public schools of that community, then later had the advantage of a course at the Claverack College, and Hudson River Institute, at Claverack, New York. Since the age of fifteen years Mr. Schenck has been engaged in the insurance business, beginning with the old line companies which were pioneers in this branch of economic advance. He now stands at the head of the firm of Schenck & Schenck, one of the foremost organizations in the insurance world of Hudson county, with offices at No. 1 Exchange place, in the very heart of the financial district of Jersey City. Mr. Schenck's success in his chosen field of endeavor gives him wide influence in every branch of contemporary activity, but while he has never accepted public honors of a political nature, he has given his best endeavors to every worthy movement, and in the home efforts of the recent war period he served as chairman of the Red Cross drives. He was also active as government appeal agent during the war. He has for many years been a member of the Jersey City Chamber of Commerce, also of the Chamber of Commerce Building Association, of which he is president.

Fraternally Mr. Schenck is widely prominent, being a member of Central Lodge, No. 361, Free and Accepted Masons, of Brooklyn, New York; Mount Vernon Chapter, No. 8, Royal Arch Masons; Hugh De Payens Commandery,

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Knights Templar, of Jersey City; and New Jersey Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in which he holds the thirty-second degree; and he is also a member of Mecca Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of New York City. He is a prominent member of the New Jersey Society, Sons of the American Revolution, and of the Holland Society of New York. In the Carteret Club, of Jersey City, Mr. Schenck is a familiar figure, and he is also well known in the Shackamaxon Country Club, of Westfield, New Jersey. Motor-ing forms one of his chief leisure interests, and he is an influential member of the Automobile Club of Hudson county, also of the Associated Automobile Clubs of New Jersey. His religious affiliation is with the Bergen Reformed Church, of Jersey City.

Vincent Rowland Schenck married, in Jersey City, New Jersey, Mary Percy, daughter of Robert and Sarah Jane Percy, and they are the parents of two sons: Robert Percy, and Douglas Satterlee.

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### **SCHLICH, Charles William Edward,**

#### **Business Man.**

Among the well-known business men of Jersey City is Charles William Edward Schlich, secretary and treasurer of the Greenville Banking & Trust Company, of Jersey City, who is a native of the city in which he now resides and who has been identified with the banking business during practically his entire career.

William Schlich, father of Mr. Schlich, was born in Germany, and in early manhood came to America. After his marriage to Matilda Becker, who was born in New York City, he became associated with his father-in-law, Philip Becker, in the furniture business at the old City Hall, Cooper place, Jersey City, for many

years, and later also conducted a furniture establishment at No. 53 Newark avenue and at No. 138 Newark avenue, Jersey City. They became the parents of three children, all of whom are living: Philip, who is a foot specialist in Jersey City; Frieda, who married Charles F. Luhrman, now residing at Hamilton, Ontario, Canada; and Charles William Edward, of further mention.

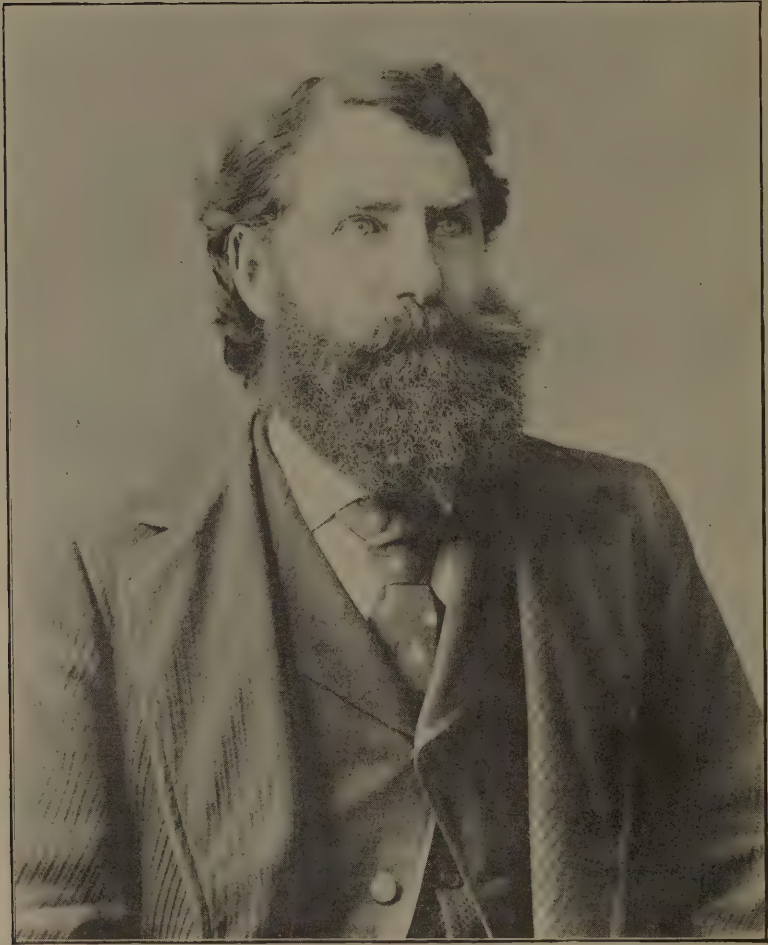
Charles William Edward Schlich, son of William and Matilda (Becker) Schlich, was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, August 12, 1881. After attending Miss Van Cleef's Private School he went to School No. 5, from which he was graduated and then became a student of School No. 3, and after graduating, completed his preparation for an active career by a high school course. When his high school course was completed he became associated with his future brother-in-law, Charles F. Luhrman, in the real estate business and that connection he maintained for a period of two years. He then began his long connection with the banking interests by associating himself with the Westside Bank, where he remained for five years. His next position was with the National Bank of Commerce, in New York City. He rendered efficient and faithful service in that connection for fifteen years and then, in 1914, was made acting secretary and treasurer of the Greenville Banking & Trust Company. Later he was elected secretary and treasurer, which position he still holds.

Mr. Schlich has won, in a high degree, the confidence of his business associates and his patrons and has a host of friends in Jersey City. He is a member of Bergen Lodge, No. 47, Free and Accepted Masons, of Jersey City. His religious affiliation is with the First Congregational Church, of Jersey City.

Charles William Edward Schlich mar-







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ried, on June 1, 1909, at Jersey City, New Jersey, Margaret Van Buskirk Wood, of Jersey City, daughter of Thomas J., commission merchant, also of Jersey City, and Sarah K. (Van Buskirk) Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Schlich are the parents of one daughter, Kathryn May, who was born February 17, 1910.

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### MOORE, A. Harry,

**Lawyer.**

A. Harry Moore was born in the Lafayette section of Jersey City, in December, 1879, son of Robert W. and Martha (McComb) Moore, both deceased. He attended the public schools of his native city and upon graduation from these institutions took a course at Cooper Institute, in New York City. Several years ago he became a law student in the New Jersey Law School, in Newark, and was admitted to the New Jersey bar and is now engaged in the practice of law. Prior to the time that Mr. Moore took up the profession of law he had been a prominent figure both politically and publicly in his own community. His first political appointment was received several years ago, when he became the secretary to H. Otto Wittpenn, then mayor of Jersey City. From this position of secretary his rise in political life has been very rapid. He was appointed city collector of Jersey City and held this position until elected a city commissioner, when the new form of government replaced the former mayor and Board of Aldermen.

When Commissioner Moore became director of parks and public property, he at once started to work on a constructive plan that has brought Jersey City to the front, from a park, playground, and harbor development point of view. The playground system established by Commissioner Moore is recognized through-

out the country as one of the best, and many of the plans adopted and placed in active operation by Mr. Moore have been copied by many other cities outside of New Jersey. Pershing Field is one of his big achievements and is now nationally known as one of the finest parks, playgrounds and athletic fields in the country. Commissioner Moore also brought fame to his native city by originating the game of marbles for championship laurels. This idea, started in Jersey City, is looked upon as a national event in most all of the cities in the United States.

During the war Mr. Moore took an active part in all of the war "drives," and in most of these campaigns was appointed chairman. In fraternal circles he is past exalter ruler of the Jersey City Lodge, No. 211, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and a deputy to the grand exalted ruler of the national lodge. He is also a member of Jersey City Lodge, No. 74, Free and Accepted Masons; Zem Zem Grotto; Jersey City Forest, Independent Order of Foresters. He is well known in club circles, being a member of the Lafayette Men's Club, Down Town Club, Carteret Club, Masonic Club, Union League Club, and is active in the Jersey City Chamber of Commerce.

A. Harry Moore was married, on March 25, 1912, to Jennie Stevens, daughter of James and Jennie Stevens. They were married in the Lafayette Reformed Church, of Jersey City, which both Mr. and Mrs. Moore now attend.

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### ADAMS, Commodore Martin Attic,

**Poet, Public-Spirited Citizen.**

As poet, artist and philosopher, Commodore Martin Attic Adams has long been known to a select group of admiring friends, but he is known to a much larger group as the able and successful business



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man who nearly fifty years ago established the monument business which is still located on the corner of West Side avenue and Montgomery street, in Jersey City. That corner was a wilderness then, surrounded by woods, bushes, and marsh land, and Mr. Adams relates that he and a comrade went in a row boat across the section of now compactly built land, between Elysian Field and Lafayette.

James Adams, father of Mr. Adams, was a native of Ireland, where he was engaged in farming and where he died. He married Bridget Prendergast, who also was born, lived and died in her native Ireland, and they were the parents of eight children, he being the youngest, of whom three are living: Mary, aged ninety years, and Patrick, both of whom now live on the old homestead in Ireland; and Martin Attic, of further mention.

Martin Attic Adams, son of James and Bridget (Prendergast) Adams, was born in Kilkenny, County Mayo, Ireland, November 11, 1847, and came to this country alone in 1868, when he was twenty-one years of age. He located in Jersey City, where he learned the stone cutter's trade and also that of the mason. For three winters he attended evening classes at Cooper Institute, in New York City, and then in 1872 enlarged his experience by a trip to the West, locating for a time in St. Louis, Missouri, and later in Des Moines, Iowa. In 1876 he returned to Jersey City and engaged in the monument business for himself, establishing his yard at the corner of West Side avenue and Montgomery street, his present location. That section which was then in the "wilds," has since been closely built upon, but for many years he had plenty of space for his operations. He was successful from the beginning, and year by year steadily increased both the

scope of his business as well as the amount of his patronage. From time to time, as time passed, he invested in real estate, and these wise investments brought him large returns. He has always been a public-spirited citizen and has taken a very active interest in the advancement of the general welfare of the community. His family spirit is also strong, and it is said that the family monument he erected in a cemetery of the Holy Name is one of the finest in the world. At the present time (1923) Mr. Adams is deeply interested in the work of the Italian inventor, Juan J. Tomadelli, and is one of his most enthusiastic boosters and financial supporters. Mr. Tomadelli has developed an electronic lamp which is self-contained and receives its original electrical energy from the air. No wires are needed, and Mr. Tomadelli has proved that it will burn for a period of three years or more. In speaking to a Hudson "News" reporter recently, Mr. Adams said: "Mr. Tomadelli, my brilliant young friend, has harnessed a fraction of the energy and activity of the boundless universe and transformed it into light. This may make it possible to have perpetual daylight throughout the world, if mankind so desires it. It is even possible that this heavenly, God-given power will operate all the mechanism that is or shall be, even to the ships on the ocean, railroads, automobiles, and flying machines." Mr. Adams backs his faith with financial support and is interested in the Tomadelli Electronic Corporation, in which is vested all the rights, titles and interest of Mr. Tomadelli's invention. At the present time, August, 1923, Mr. Adams is visiting his brother and sister in Ireland, and is also planning a tour on the continent, although he is seventy-six years of age. He is energetic and enthusiastic, and as full of fun as ever and as well able to hold

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the interest of his friends as in his younger days. In early days he was devoted to hunting and fishing, as a healthful means of recreation, and his ready wit and friendly spirit have always made him a general favorite among a large group of friends. He resides at No. 828 West Side avenue, Jersey City, when he is at home, and is a member of St. Aloysius Catholic Church of that city.

The following are excerpts from several of Mr. Adams' poems, which have long been held in hearty appreciation by his friends and which have often found their way into print and to the perusal of a larger following:

Laugh and smile once in a while  
And indulge in romantic thoughts,  
Life is too short to quarrel in  
Or waste upon others' faults.

If things be not to suit you  
Make the best of what you got,  
The greatest blessing of this life  
Is contentment with your lot.

Love, the fountain source of all  
Man's noblest thoughts and heart's pulsation,  
Sometimes wormwood and gall,  
The poet's grandest inspiration.

Fanned and wafted in a mysterious way,  
Not by words nor precious gifts bestowed,  
The fruits of kindness in each heart doth lay,  
A debt contracted and to nature owed.

Shakespeare pictured, Goldsmith said,  
Burns seemed charmed unto ecstasy,  
Moore murmured with downcast head,  
And swore allegiance to love's memory.

In the height of my ambitions  
I wandered the world o'er,  
While the very things I looked for  
Lay outside the open door.

The following is quoted from some verses in which he refers metrically to prohibition.

Bacchus, noted God of Wine,  
Genius of Fermentation,  
Has his disciples o'er the earth  
Throughout the whole creation.

The social cup inspires no wrong  
When used in moderation;  
But leads us on to mirth and song  
And cheerful conversation.

The standard of each normal mind  
Should be to save and not destroy;  
The fruits of nature given mankind,  
Which offer all the greater joy.

While the following, under the title, "The Forecast of a Time to Come," is an excerpt from his latest expression:

It may be that I dreamed a dream, it may be that  
I saw

The forecast of a time to come, by some supernal  
law.

I seemed to dwell in this same world, and in this  
modern time;

Yet nowhere was there sight or sound of poverty  
or crime.

All strife had ceased, men were disarmed, and  
quiet peace had made

A thousand avenues for toil, in place of war's grim  
trade.

From East to West, from North to South, were  
highways smooth and broad,

Tied church and state, the waste lands bloomed  
like garden spots of God.

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It may be that I dreamed a dream, it may be that  
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The forecast of a time to come, by some supernal  
law.

Martin Attie Adams married, in New York City, Nellie Ferry, who was born in Ireland, and died in Jersey City, in 1908, a descendant, on the maternal side, of Sam Houston, the pioneer of Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Adams became the parents of six children, of whom but one is living, James Joseph, who is the outside representative of the business founded by his father.

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MacMURROUGH, Francis Kean, M. D.,

### Physician.

The name of MacMurrough, the original Gaelic of Murphy, has been known throughout Jersey City for the past three decades in the person of Dr. Francis Kean (Murphy) MacMurrough. He has been engaged in practice as a physician there for thirty-two years and is well-known in the medical profession. Before coming to Jersey City he had practiced for nearly six years in St. Louis, Missouri, and in Omaha, Nebraska.

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Through his change in location, Jersey City has benefited as evidenced by the enthusiastic testimony of his patients and his friends.

John Chrysostom Murphy, father of Dr. MacMurrough, was born in Ireland, and came as a boy to St. Louis, where for more than fifty years he was engaged in business as a dry goods merchant, and where he died in 1904, at an advanced age. He married Elizabeth Kean, also a native of Ireland, who died in St. Louis, in 1917. They were the parents of eight children, of whom three are living: Joseph M. Murphy, who resides in St. Louis, is treasurer of the Mercantile Trust Company; Francis Kean (Murphy) MacMurrough, of whom further; and Dr. John C. Murphy, residing in New York City.

Dr. Francis Kean MacMurrough, son of John Chrysostom and Elizabeth (Kean) Murphy, was born in St. Louis, Missouri, July 9, 1865. After attending the public schools of his native city, he continued his studies in St. Louis University and in the medical department of Washington University. He completed his medical studies at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of St. Louis, from which he was graduated in 1886. Upon completion of his training, after association with a leading surgeon for a period, he went to Omaha, Nebraska, where he remained for five years. In 1891 he came East for post-graduate instruction, after which he located in Jersey City. He soon built up a promising practice in that community and during the thirty-two years that have elapsed his clientele has grown to a very large patronage. He has won an enviable reputation as a skillful physician and is known and loved by many grateful patrons. When the United States entered

the World War, Dr. MacMurrough joined the Army Medical Corps, being commissioned captain. He was stationed at Fort Hamilton, New York, whence he was sent overseas, July 4, 1918, as transport surgeon of the United States chartered transport, "San Jacinto." After the armistice he requested his discharge, which was granted December 31, 1918. In addition to his professional work, he has taken an active interest in local politics and was one of those who gave his best efforts and support to President Wilson when he was a candidate for governor of New Jersey and when he was a candidate for the presidency.

Dr. MacMurrough is a member of the Military Surgeons of the United States and also of the Military Order of the World War. In religion Dr. MacMurrough is a Roman Catholic and contributes freely to Catholic and other charities. Dr. MacMurrough is the author of numerous poems, many of which have appeared in the papers of Jersey City. He intends, in the near future, to publish a book of his poems, which no doubt will be welcomed by the public.

Dr. MacMurrough married, in Jersey City, on February 15, 1897, Agnes L. Wiseman. She was born in Jersey City, where she died December 31, 1920, a daughter of Edward and Charlotte Wiseman, both deceased. Dr. and Mrs. MacMurrough were the parents of three children: Esther, Charlotte, and Francoise, who were educated in Italy.

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### YOUNG, Edward L.,

**Financier, Merchant.**

Edward L. Young, one of the most prominent financiers and merchants of Jersey City and Hudson county, was born at Jersey City, New Jersey, on De-





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ember 17, 1861, a son of the renowned Edward F. C., a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in the work, and Harriet M. (Strober) Young.

Edward L. Young received his early education in the public and high schools of Jersey City, following which he took a business college course. Upon his graduation he began his business career in the employ of the firm of McIntyre and Wardwell, grain commission merchants of New York City, and from the year 1880 to 1888 he remained with this concern as their representative on the New York Produce Exchange. Mr. Young severed his connections with McIntyre and Wardwell in order to enter the coal business with Smith D. Mackey and William V. Toffey, a partnership being formed under the firm name of Mackey, Young and Company. This enterprise was carried on successfully until the year 1908, when Mr. Young bought out the interests of Mr. Mackey and Mr. Toffey, reorganized the company, and continued in the business under the firm name of the E. L. Young Company. The venture under Mr. Young's supervision was a complete success, the business increased rapidly, and on March 1, 1920, in order to lessen the burden of work upon himself, Mr. Young consolidated his establishment with the R. H. Perry and Company, coal dealers, of which enlarged concern Mr. Young is now a director. On May 1, 1920, Mr. Young was appointed on the building committee by the board of directors of the First National Bank to act in an advisory capacity during the construction of the new First National Bank building in Jersey City, which, now completed, is an architectural triumph, both from the artistic and utilitarian points of view, and will long remain a monument to the bank for which

it is named, and a fitting memorial to Mr. Young's father, Edward F. C. Young, who was president and controlling factor of the institution for a period of thirty-two years.

Mr. Young is now retired from active business with the exception of his directorships in numerous financial and industrial enterprises in and about Jersey City. He is a director of the First National Bank of Jersey City, the New Jersey Title Guarantee and Trust Company, the Colonial Life Insurance Company of America, Joseph Dixon Crucible Company of Jersey City, and chairman of the board of directors of the R. H. Perry and Company of Jersey City.

Politically Mr. Young's affiliations are with the Democratic party. In the year 1922 he was appointed by Governor Edwards as a member of the Morris Canal Abandonment Commission, and served with ability and distinction. For eight consecutive years he was a member of Company B of the old 7th Regiment, National Guard of New York State, and at the present time is a member of the 7th Regiment Veterans Association. Fraternally Mr. Young has been very active. He is a member in good standing of the Enterprise Lodge, No. 48, Free and Accepted Masons, of Jersey City; and for more than thirty years has been a member of the Mecca Shrine; and the Hugh de Payne Commandery, Knights Templar. Mr. Young is also a member of the Carteret Club, of Jersey City; the Piping Rock Club; the Metropolitan Club, of New York City; the Nassau County Club, of Long Island; the New York Yacht Club, and the New York Athletic Club.

Mr. Young was married at Jersey City, New Jersey, on April 17, 1890, to Sibyl Eager, daughter of Joseph and Mary



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(Elliot) Eager, the father having been a well-known merchant of New York City. Mr. and Mrs. Young are the parents of one child, Sibyl Eager, who is the wife of Lyman N. Hine, of Locust Valley, Long Island, former president of the American Cotton Oil Company. Mr. and Mrs. Young are members of St. John's Episcopal Church, of Jersey City, and are active both in the work of the church and in the social life of the metropolitan section.

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### BLANKENHORN, D. Eugene,

#### Lawyer.

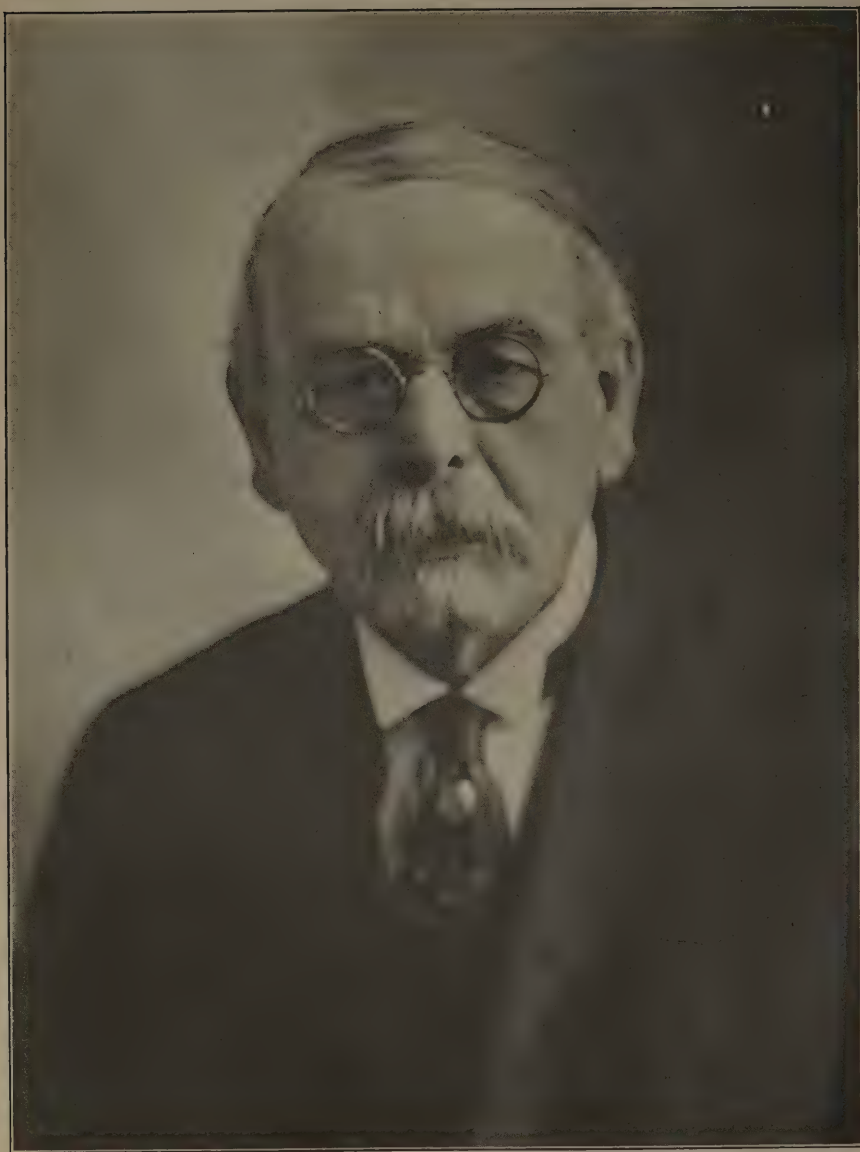
In professional circles, in fraternal advance and in various affiliations with the industrial prosperity of Jersey City, Mr. Blankenhorn is a noteworthy figure, and he has also for many years been a leader in the public affairs of his residence city of Englewood, New Jersey. The pioneer ancestor of this family, Jacob Blankenhorn, came from Germany. D. Eugene Blankenhorn is a son of Ferdinand Blankenhorn, who was born at Poughkeepsie, New York, and died in Englewood, New Jersey, in 1890, at the age of fifty-two years and seven months. He was for many years cashier of the Western National Bank, of New York City, of which he was one of the founders. He married Mary Titus, who was born in New York City, and still survives him, being a resident of Englewood. They were the parents of six children, of whom all are now living.

D. Eugene Blankenhorn was born in Englewood, New Jersey, March 22, 1880. Beginning his studies at the Englewood Free School, he later attended Nyack High School, at Nyack, New York, and was graduated in due course. Entering the New York School of Law, he was

graduated from that institution in 1905, and was admitted to the bar of New York State in October of the same year. Admitted to the New Jersey bar as attorney in March of the following year, he was admitted as counselor in June, 1909, and also was admitted to practice at the United States District Court of New Jersey. With offices at No. 15 Exchange place, Jersey City, Mr. Blankenhorn has won his way to a position of unusual distinction in the legal profession and is counted among the broadly successful men of the day in Hudson county. He follows general lines of practice. Mr. Blankenhorn is interested in various industrial enterprises of Jersey City and vicinity. He is vice-president of the Fasig-Tipton Company, an important New York corporation, secretary of the Confectioners' Cream Products Company, of New Jersey, and secretary of the F. W. Bergendahl Company, of New Jersey, a candy manufacturing concern, located in Englewood. In civic affairs in Englewood, the city of his residence, Mr. Blankenhorn served as police justice of the city, an office which he filled for twelve years. He was also for several years secretary of the Bergen County Democratic Committee.

Fraternally Mr. Blankenhorn is a member of Tuscan Lodge, No. 115, Free and Accepted Masons; and New Jersey Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in which he holds the thirty-second degree; and he is a member of Englewood Lodge, No. 1157, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Blankenhorn was one of the organizers of the Bergen County Bar Association, is a member of the Hudson County Bar Association, and the New Jersey State and American Bar associations, also the New York County Lawyers' Association. His clubs are: the





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Masonic, the Mahopac Golf, Rockland Country, and Phelps Manor Country.

Mr. Blankenhorn married, on October 15, 1913, at Paterson, New Jersey, Grace D. King, daughter of Elias B. and Mary (Arnot) King, both now deceased.

### AMON, Philip L.,

#### **Professor of Music.**

The world owes much to those who brighten life with the beauties of harmonious sound. It owes much to those who acquire skill to execute and interpret the compositions of others, but still more to those who capture previously unheard harmonies and set them down for others to reproduce and enjoy.

Among the musicians of Hudson county who are engaged in helping others to acquire musical skill is Philip L. Amon, principal of the New Jersey Institute of Music and Languages, who is also the composer of much sacred music which has given pleasure and inspiration to many. Professor Amon has also composed considerable secular music and has made for himself an enviable reputation as a skilled musician whose excellent technique is but a means of interpreting the spirit of the selections which he renders, as an excellent teacher, and as a gifted composer. His entire active career has been devoted to musical affairs and as head of the New Jersey Institute of Music and Languages he has won the confidence and esteem of both professional associates and students.

Philip L. Amon was born in Bavaria, Germany, February 13, 1854, and was brought to this country by his parents when he was sixteen weeks old. The family settled in New York City, and the boy, Philip L., attended the School of the Holy Redeemer, in which institution he had fin-

ished all the classes by the time he was eight years of age. At the age of five years he began to study music, taking up the violin under John Wegner, and later continuing his studies under the direction of Charles Unruh, then Boyersoderfer, August Kirchner, Frederick Schular, and Charles Smith. He then became a student under Otto Stigler. In 1873 he studied the organ, harmony, and composition under Leininger, and during the later years of his studies was also teaching in various schools. In 1868 he finished his studies with the Christian Brothers and taught in their schools in Yonkers, in the C. B. Academy in Albany, where he had charge of the musical department and directed the work of five teachers. In 1872 he served as organist in St. John's Church, at Syracuse, and was also assistant principal of the school. He left in 1873 and became organist and teacher in Blauvelt, New York, where he taught music and translated a pericope. Several of these compositions were published in magazines. In 1874 he removed to New York City and accepted a position as principal of the English department in the School of Our Lady of Sorrows. His next position was that of organist and principal in the School of St. John, in New Brunswick, New Jersey, and later he became a teacher in various colleges of the South. Finally, following the line of his interest, he became a leader in several dramatic and opera companies. In 1884 he settled in Hoboken and became organist at St. Joseph's Church and began giving music lessons. He was notably successful and soon built up a large class. Three years later however, he accepted a position as organist in St. Joseph's Church, of Jersey City, the duties of which he attended to in connection with his church activities in Hobo-

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ken. He also retained his position as organist in Hoboken, and played in both churches on Sundays. He also took charge of the choir in St. Augustine's, at Union Hill, New Jersey, and played for a time in all three churches each Sunday. All of these lines in musical activity he continued for several years, but finally resigned his position in St. Joseph's Church, in Hoboken, and took charge of the choir of St. Anthony's Polish Church, in Jersey City, retaining his position in the other two churches first mentioned. While in Hoboken he took charge of many singing societies, notably, the Hill Sides, of Jersey City; Fritz Peuter, and the Fidelio, of Hoboken; also the Cecilia, of Jersey City; and several others. Mr. Amon is widely-known in musical circles in Jersey City, Hoboken, and adjacent towns in Hudson county and in Union county. Through his musical compositions, which number over 300, Mr. Amon has made for himself a reputation which has grown with the years. In 1891 Mr. Amon founded the Damrosch Musical Union of the Knights of Labor, and in 1908 founded Local 526, American Federation of Musicians, and was a delegate to the conventions three different times.

Mr. Amon married, on July 7, 1874, in New York, Catherine M. Becker, of New York City, and they are the parents of twelve children, six of whom are deceased. Those living are: Henry J., Philip L., Jr., John Dominick, Anthony, and Rita Bissett.

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### EVANS, William A. D.,

#### **Business Man.**

The responsible position occupied by Mr. Evans as the head of the Cooper Hewitt Electric Company, is the result of continued application to the various es-

entials necessary to successfully manage a concern of this kind, and to an ambition to reach the top. He has proven the wisdom of those electing him to the presidency of this company, and is playing an important part in developing business organizations in Hoboken, New Jersey, where he resides.

William A. D. Evans is the son of Frank O. and Henrietta (Darling) Evans, the latter of whom is still living. The father was, until his death, manager of an English concern in New York City. Born in New York City, February 3, 1881, Mr. Evans attended the public schools there and Barnard School for Boys. Later he entered Columbia University to pursue a course in electrical engineering, graduating from the institution in 1903. His connection with the Cooper Hewitt Electric Company began in that same year, as an employee in the pumping department. By close observation and persistent effort he mastered the details of the business and was elected to the vice-presidency in 1918, and the following year became president and treasurer of the company.

In his political affiliation, he is a Republican. He is a director of The Steneck Trust Company, of Hoboken; director of the Building and Loan Association; vice-president of the Hoboken Chamber of Commerce; a former president of the Rotary Club, and a member of the Columbia University Club of New York City, and the Mohawk Club, of Schenectady. In religion he is a Baptist.

The Cooper Hewitt Electric Company was organized in 1902, in New York City, by George Westinghouse, president; Charles A. Terry, secretary and treasurer; Charles B. Hill, vice-president and general manager. In 1910 the company moved to Hoboken and in 1913 H. H.

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Westinghouse succeeded his brother as president. In 1919 the company was purchased by the General Electric Company. This plant manufactures the Cooper Hewitt Electric Lamps in their five-story brick building, located at Eighth and Grand streets, employing 300 persons. The company also manufactures "mercury lamps" for industrial and other purposes; also "quartz lamps" for scientific purposes. The present officials of the company are, in addition to Mr. Evans, as follows: N. R. Birge, vice-president; E. E. Davies, secretary and auditor.

Mr. Evans married, in 1906, Margaret I. Sharkey, and they are the parents of two children, a son and a daughter.

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### STENECK, Henry Charles,

#### **Business Man.**

One of the well-known and substantial business men of Hoboken, New Jersey, is Henry Charles Steneck, vice-president of the Steneck Trust Company. Mr. Steneck is a native of the city in which he now resides and has spent practically the entire period of his life there, to the present time.

Born in Hoboken, New Jersey, October 17, 1878, Mr. Steneck is a son of John and Emma (Schmittmann) Steneck, the former of whom is president of the Steneck Trust Company. He received a careful education in the public schools of his native city and then became associated with the Steneck Trust Company, of which his father is founder and chief executive. Mr. Steneck has always taken a deep interest in the welfare of the city of Hoboken and at the present time (1923) is serving as treasurer of Hoboken's Sinking Fund. He finds recreation and congenial companionship in the Westchester Biltmore Club, of New York

City; and in the Union Club, of Hoboken; and his religious affiliation is with St. Matthew's Church, of Hoboken.

Henry Charles Steneck married, at Newark, April 25, 1912, Olga Rohe, daughter of Charles and Gertrude (Sperb) Rohe, and they are the parents of two children: Olga, who was born August 10, 1913; and John, who was born October 10, 1918.

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### GRAF, August,

#### **Exemplary Citizen.**

Numerous connections in business life and political and public activity extending over a long period have given Mr. Graf a wide acquaintance and following in his city, and his choice as postmaster was one receiving the stamp of universal approval. He is a popular official, and the record of his administration is one of efficiency and faithfulness.

August Graf was born June 18, 1875, in New York City, son of Jacob and Matilda (Feik) Graf, both parents natives of Germany, his father a wholesale butcher at the West Washington Market, New York City. Mr. Graf was educated in the public schools and after completing his formal education became associated with his father in the butcher business, the firm name becoming H. and J. Graf. This relationship continued from 1891 to 1899 and in the latter year Mr. Graf engaged in the same business for himself in Hoboken. His next business connection was of an entirely different nature, with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, at Hoboken, and for one year he continued in the employ of this company. For the succeeding five years Mr. Graf held the position of chief clerk of the Erie railroad, stationed at the Weehawken Terminal, later and until 1906 serving



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as assistant to the treasurer of the Scranton Condensed Milk Company, at New York City. In the latter year Mr. Graf received an appointment in the New Jersey State Department of Labor in charge of the Hudson county district, where he remained until 1918. At this time he became vice-president of the Terminal Realty Company, Incorporated, now dealing exclusively in insurance. He is also treasurer of the John W. Tompkins Company, ship chandlers and dealers in hardware.

A staunch Republican, Mr. Graf has long been prominent in party affairs and has served as a member of the executive committee of the Hudson County Republican Committee and as a member of the county board of elections in 1906 and 1911. In July, 1922, he was appointed acting postmaster of Hoboken, and on December 4th of the same year was appointed to the office of postmaster by President Harding for a full four years' term. His relations to the life of the city extend to many social and fraternal connections and he is a member of Euclid Lodge, No. 136, Free and Accepted Masons; Zem Zem Grotto, Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm, of Hoboken; and the Masonic Club. He is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and the National Republican League. As a younger man Mr. Graf played semi-professional baseball and he retains an enthusiastic and well-informed interest in the game to the present, baseball and bowling his chief recreations.

Mr. Graf married, in Hoboken, November 25, 1903, Anna Wichmann, born February 2, 1876, at Fontanelle, Iowa. They are communicants of the German Lutheran church.

### CAMPBELL, Palmer,

**Realtor.**

For many years the name of Palmer Campbell has been closely identified with the advance of Hudson county, New Jersey, in connection with the progress and activity of the Hoboken Land & Improvement Company. The work of this enterprise has counted widely and permanently for the progress of this section and now, as the president of the company, Mr. Campbell is leading it forward to more extensive usefulness. He was born in Louisiana, a member of a family of that section, and a son of William Patrick Campbell, whose business activities centered in both New Orleans and New York City. William Patrick Campbell was a leading cotton merchant of Louisiana with offices in New Orleans and New York, and until his death was a member of the New York Cotton Exchange. During the Civil War he served as first lieutenant in the Confederate Army, until the capitulation of New Orleans, after which he organized a company and was engaged in running vessels thru the blockade, from Bermuda to Wilmington, North Carolina, until the close of the war. His extensive business interests gave him the wide vision and tolerant attitude of the man of important affairs and in his later years he became widely prominent in the cotton business in both the North and the South. He married Caroline Elizabeth Smelt Beers, also a member of a Southern family.

Palmer Campbell was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, December 24, 1856. His education was begun in the private schools of Liverpool, England, and he later attended the St. George's High School, at Edinburgh, Scotland, completing his studies with a practical commer-





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cial course at Hoboken, New Jersey. Meanwhile, at the age of fourteen years, Mr. Campbell became identified with the firm of John Sinclair & Company, of New York City, and was active in that connection until the age of twenty years. He then accepted a position as book-keeper with the Hoboken Land & Improvement Company, and remained permanently with this concern. Rising through the various grades of responsibility, he was engaged successively as general agent, treasurer and general manager, and now in addition to the duties of the last named office, he is president of this old and important company. This company has been responsible for a very large share of the real estate development work which in the last forty years or so has been of such wide significance to the city of Hoboken and the county of Hudson. Possessing the vision of the man who sees not only the interest of the moment, but the possibilities of the future, he has ably filled the responsibilities which have been placed in his hands and in his present eminent position is leading the concern to higher achievement. He commands the sincere respect and confidence of all who come in touch with him. Mr. Campbell is further active in the business world as vice-president and a director of the First National Bank of Hoboken, also holding these same offices in the Hoboken Trust Company, and is also a director in the Hackensack Water Company, and Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company, of Newark, New Jersey. For many years he has borne a part in various branches of progressive endeavor, supporting the Democratic party in political affairs, and has been brought forward repeatedly to public usefulness. He was the first president of the Hoboken Board of Health and served as one of the

first elisors of the Hudson County Grand Jury. He was vice-president of the Hudson County Park Commission, and was a member of the New York and New Jersey Bridge and Tunnel Commission. For six years he served in Troop 1 of Essex County National Guard of the State of New Jersey. During the World War he did much for the many home activities of the period and was especially prominent in the work of the local chapter of the American Red Cross, of which he was president.

Fraternally Mr. Campbell is identified with Euclid Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Hoboken Ferryman's Association, and the Railroad and Hoboken Young Men's Christian Association. His clubs are: The Engineers, of New York; the Masonic, of Hoboken; the Carteret, of Jersey City; and the Hoboken Tennis, and the Somerset Hills Country, of Bernardsville, New Jersey. His religious affiliation is with the Episcopal Church.

Mr. Campbell married, at Plymouth, Pennsylvania, January 22, 1883, Jean Eno, daughter of Josiah W., a native of Simsbury, Connecticut, and Louisa B. (Glassell) Eno, a native of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are the parents of one child, Eno, born June 18, 1896.

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### ADELMAN, Harry,

**Engineer.**

The normal growth of a large city demands extensive improvements each year and to the city engineer falls a large proportion of the work of designing and overseeing the construction of sewers, water systems, pavements, etc. In the city of Bayonne, New Jersey, Harry Adelman has for the past twelve years, as assistant

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to the city engineer, been engaged in this work.

Mr. Adelman is one of the many citizens of this country who, though born abroad, have received their education in the land of their adoption and have contributed the activities of their mature lives to the development of the communities in which they have lived. Born in Russia, August 15, 1889, son of Isaac Adelman, a real estate broker, and Martha Adelman, Harry Adelman came to this country with his parents when he was eleven years old. The family settled in Hudson county, where the father engaged in the real estate business, and where the boy, Harry, received his education. After attending Public School No. 7 and Bayonne High School, Mr. Adelman became a student in Cooper Union, New York City, from which he was graduated in 1912. He then entered Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York, as a student of architectural designing, making a specialty of reinforced concrete and steel construction for a period of two years. He then returned to Bayonne, where in 1911 he was made assistant to the city engineer, which official position he has continued to hold to the present time (1923). Though only twenty-two years of age at that time he was placed in charge of the designing and assigning of contracts for sewers, water pipes, and pavements, and since 1920 he has designed all of the street improvements of the city. He is a hard worker and possessed of large ability, and is one of the most energetic of the city officials. In 1920 he became a Registered Architect in the State of New Jersey, and he is often called upon to consult with others of his profession concerning important construction work. Fraternally Mr. Adelman is affiliated with Bayonne Lodge,

No. 434, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Bayonne; Arion Lodge, No. 68, Knights of Pythias; and the Order of B'nai B'rith. He is also a member of the Young Men's Christian Association and of the Young Men's Hebrew Association. His religious connection is with Temple Emanu-El.

On March 28, 1916, in New York City, Harry Adelman married Marion Cohen, daughter of Abraham and Sarah Cohen, and they are the parents of two children: Selma Laura, who was born June 2, 1917; and Dorothy, who was born February 4, 1923.

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### SAUL, John Henry,

#### Engineer.

An engineer by profession, Mr. Saul has rendered an extremely valuable service to his city and State in the following of his career. He has served officially in various capacities and during the World War he rendered without compensation, advice and service throughout the entire period of the war.

He was born in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1873, the son of William and Isabella (Collins) Saul, his father now deceased. He received his education in the public schools, at the Cooper Institute, and through private tuition, and was trained as a structural engineer. Since 1893 he has been in the building business, and is a licensed structural engineer of the State of New Jersey, superintendent of buildings for Jersey City for twenty years, and director of the Department of Revenue and Finance, of Jersey City, for one year (1923). He is vice-president of Hudson City Savings' Bank of Jersey City. During the World War Mr. Saul served throughout the entire term of the conflict, without compensation, as chair-

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man of Local Board No. 6, of Jersey City, and gave during that time a splendid service. He is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and in his religious affiliation is a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, of Jersey City. He also belongs to the Union League Club, of Jersey City, and takes an active interest in the civic life of the community.

Mr. Saul married, in 1898, at St. John's Episcopal Church, of Jersey City, Florence A. Woodhouse, daughter of John H. and Mary (Thompson) Woodhouse. Mr. and Mrs. Saul have no children.

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### **RIESENBERGER, Adam,**

#### **College Executive.**

For more than forty-five years Adam Riesenberger has been actively identified with Stevens Institute of Technology, at Hoboken, first as student, later as instructor and professor, and finally in official capacity. At the present time (1923) he is treasurer and registrar. Mr. Riesenberger is also active in local, educational, and welfare work outside of the institute and in many capacities has rendered valuable service.

Born in Whiteport, Ulster county, New York, February 9, 1857, Adam Riesenberger is a son of Nicholas and Catherine (Platz) Riesenberger, the former of whom was long engaged in business as a florist. After attending the public schools until he had reached his eighth year, he entered Hoboken Academy, from which he was graduated in 1872, he then being in his sixteenth year. The following fall he became a student in Stevens Institute of Technology, where he continued his studies until 1876, when he was graduated with the degree of Mechanical Engineer. For one year after graduation he served as apprentice in a

general workshop, and then in 1878 became assistant in the mechanical laboratory under Professor R. H. Thurston, at Stevens Institute of Technology. That position he held from 1878 to 1881, but in the meantime, in 1880, he had been made an instructor in the Institute, in which capacity he served from 1881 to 1887. In 1887 he was made assistant professor and in 1899 became professor in the Department of Descriptive Geometry and Mechanical Drawing, which responsible position he held for many years. In 1884 he was elected to official responsibility as assistant treasurer, and later as treasurer of the institute, and in 1902 he was made registrar. Both of these official positions he has continued to hold to the present time (1923). He served as editor of the "Stevens Indicator," a quarterly magazine published by the Alumni Association from 1890 to 1893, and jointly with Dr. Thomas B. Stillman, from 1896 to 1898.

In addition to his many responsibilities in connection with Stevens Institute of Technology Mr. Riesenberger has also been active in local financial and in civic affairs. He was one of the incorporators and a member of the board of directors for ten years of the Hudson Trust Company, of Hudson county; was vice-president of the Hoboken Trust Company for fifteen years; is at the present time a stockholder in the First National Bank of Hoboken; and since 1899, a period of thirty-four years, has been a member of the board of directors of the Hoboken Building and Loan Association. Politically he gives his support to the Republican party and has for many years been actively interested in educational affairs in Hudson county, New Jersey, where for eighteen years he has served as a member of the Board of Education, during five



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of those years serving in the capacity of president of the board. He is progressive in his political beliefs, and while giving allegiance to the Republican party, consistently stands with the progressive wing of that organization. Professionally he is or has been affiliated with most of the engineering organizations of the town and State, also with the national organizations, was a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, 1890 to 1917; has been a member of the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education from 1908 to the present time; and is actively identified with many important movements for the advancement of engineering skill and knowledge. He has taken a deep interest in the advancement of the general welfare of the Town of Union, and when the Free Public Library was first established, served as secretary of the Library Association. For the past twenty-eight years, since 1895, he has served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Old Peoples' Home Benevolent Association, of North Hudson county; and for three years he was a member and director of the Citizen's Federation, of Hudson county. Fraternally he is affiliated with Tau Beta Pi and with Beta Theta Pi college fraternities. He and his family are attendants of the Dutch Reformed church.

Mr. Riesenberger married (first), in 1878, Antoinette Schlemm. She died in 1880, and he married (second) Sophie Werner, daughter of John and Pauline Werner. To the first marriage one child was born, Antoinette, born August 4, 1878. The children of the second marriage are: Katherine, born October 17, 1882; Florence, born January 8, 1884; Edwin Adam, born May 16, 1885; Otto John, born April 14, 1891; Elsie Mae, born April 13, 1893; and Frank Ralph, born February 13, 1897.

### ATKINSON, William H.,

#### **Business Executive.**

A member of the Chamber of Commerce of Hoboken, and president of the William H. Atkinson Company, engineers, machinists, and blacksmiths, Mr. Atkinson has been closely identified with the business life of Hoboken since 1872, when he became associated with his grandfather, who had established the business in 1833. William H. Atkinson was born in New York City, January 11, 1858, son of William H. and Hannah (Cooper) Atkinson. His father, who was born in New York City in the year 1834, died at an early age. Mr. Atkinson's grandfather was engaged in the business of engineering, boilermaking, and ship repairing, and saw the era of great changes in shipping and the rapid growth of steam-driven vessels. From him Mr. Atkinson inherited no small part of his practical and technical ability, finding in the activities and surroundings of his grandfather's shop the materials of his life work and the foundation of his success. Mr. Atkinson's mother, Hannah (Cooper) Atkinson, was born in New York City, in July, 1838, but spent most of her life at Mount Vernon, New York, whither she moved with her family before Mr. Atkinson became of school age.

Mr. Atkinson received his education in the public schools of Mount Vernon, New York, and, growing up amid the sights and sounds of Civil War days and in the period of reconstruction following it, he was filled with a desire to make an independent career for himself and to assume the burdens of life as soon as possible. He completed his studies at the early age of fourteen years and, in 1872 began business activities at Hoboken, New Jersey. Already well acquainted with machinery and the principles of smithing, he estab-

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lished himself in business and despite his youth, he so impressed his customers with his ability and businesslike methods that he was successful from the very beginning. The present offices of the firm are located at Nos. 201-211 Harrison street, Hoboken, where they have the most modern and up-to-date facilities for mechanical work of all kinds. The officers of the company are: W. H. Atkinson, president; Herbert S. Atkinson, vice-president; Vernon L. Atkinson, secretary; and Mary Alice Atkinson, treasurer. The company makes a specialty of prompt and careful service, whether for installations or repairs, and is widely known for the high quality of its work and the absolute integrity of its business methods. Although he has now reached an age when many men feel themselves entitled to retire from active participation in business affairs, Mr. Atkinson still retains the management of the business and occupies a prominent place in the business world. His energy and ability have brought him success and his judgment in all matters pertaining to his chosen field is highly respected by his friends and associates at Hoboken and throughout the county. His children are associated with him in the business, and the company established so many years ago seems destined to have a long and prosperous career as one of the city's leading business enterprises, not only in the present day, but also in the future.

Mr. Atkinson is a member of the Chamber of Commerce of Hoboken, and belongs to the Master Blacksmiths' Association of New York. In religious faith he is a member of the Episcopal church, and takes an active interest in all the humanitarian and religious work of this denomination.

Mr. Atkinson married, in New York City, on May 18, 1897, Leora E. Atkinson,

daughter of Simon A. and Ethelinda (Potter) Atkinson. Mrs. Atkinson was born in Georgia, September 15, 1859. Her father was a native of Boscawen, New Hampshire, and her mother was born on the Island of St. Thomas, in the Danish West Indies, now known as the Virgin Islands.

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### HUSTED, Charles Lewis,

#### Head of Manufacturing Concern.

President of the New York Bottlers' Supplies Manufacturing Company, Mr. Husted occupies a position of great importance in the business world as the head of one of the leading enterprises of its kind and is a pioneer in the field of siphon and porcelain stopper manufacturing. He was born in New York City, December 15, 1861, son of Carsten and Louisa (Huck) Husted. Both of his parents were born in Germany and came to the United States some time before his birth. Mr. Husted's father was engaged in business as a dealer in mineral waters, and from the connection with the bottling business thus established, the present firm, of which Mr. Husted is the head, has grown. The elder Mr. Husted was a veteran of the Civil War and served during the greater part of that conflict.

Mr. Husted received his education in the public schools of New York City. Energetic and ambitious, he decided during his school days to enter the field of business as soon as possible and to make a name for himself in the world of affairs. Immediately after his graduation from school, he therefore, began his independent career by establishing himself in the bottlers' supply manufacturing business. Acquainted as he was with the problems of dealers in mineral waters and beverages, he devoted himself to a study of these problems and various methods of

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improving upon existing arrangements. By careful thought and study, they finally originated the porcelain stoppers now extensively used for beverages. These stoppers were first successfully applied to the bottles used for beer, but their use has since been greatly extended and they are now manufactured in sizes suitable for various beverages and other liquids and are universally known. In addition to the manufacture of stoppers, Mr. Husted's firm did pioneer work in the field of siphon manufacturing for mineral waters of all kinds, and they are still the leaders in this particular field. In 1902 Mr. Husted enlarged his business and established the present company, under the trade name of the New York Bottlers' Supplies Manufacturing Company. The firm deals only at wholesale and it has an enormous yearly volume of sales. In particular, it is the largest manufacturer of siphons in the world and transacts a large volume of foreign business.

In politics Mr. Husted is an independent. He belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, holding membership in Lodge No. 74 of that organization, at Hoboken. As president of an internationally known firm and a dominant figure in the trade, he belongs to the Bottlers' Manufacturing Association.

Mr. Husted married, at Brooklyn, New York, Johanna Swenson. Mrs. Husted is a native of Sweden. Mr. and Mrs. Husted have two sons: Charles G., born in Brooklyn; and William Edward, also born in Brooklyn. Mr. Husted and his family are now residents of Jersey City.

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### HARMON, Francis E. (Frank E.)

#### Civil Engineer.

In the world of large construction in the metropolitan district Francis E. Har-

mon holds a prominent position and his activities as a partner in the firm of Harmon & Harmon, civil engineers, are wide-reaching and important. Mr. Harmon was trained for his work along practical lines and has for many years done a great deal of public work in connection with his private practice. He is a son of James F. and Mary E. (Kennedy) Harmon, for many years residents of North Bergen and Weehawken, but formerly from New York State.

Francis E. Harmon was born at Catskill, New York, May 19, 1887. The family coming to New Jersey in his childhood, his education was begun in a North Bergen public school, and he is a graduate of Hoboken High School, in the class of 1904. From that time forward his studies followed the line of civil engineering, and in 1905 he secured a position as transit man with Robert Gore, a leading civil engineer of Jersey City, with whom he was active for about three years. In the course of this time, through private study and the practical application of his theoretical knowledge as it was gained day by day, the young man attained at once the education and experience which formed the foundation of his success. In 1908 Francis E. Harmon formed a partnership with his brother, Thomas H. Harmon, under the firm name of Harmon & Harmon. Opening their offices in the town of Union, these young men entered the field of the construction world and their work soon placed them among the leaders of the profession. Francis E. Harmon has been called upon many times for consultation in matters relating to the public works of the various municipalities of Hudson county. A Democrat by political affiliation, he was elected town engineer of Weehawken, in which position he served for a number



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of years. During the World War, he was very active as consulting engineer for the United States Government in the many branches of construction work carried forward during that period. He is prominent socially and in fraternal circles is well-known as a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 1456, of Weehawken.

Francis E. Harmon married, on May 19, 1921, at Long Island City, Elsie DeLaurier, daughter of Thomas G. and Alice R. (Funfkirchen) DeLaurier. They have one daughter, Beverly.

### GILDAY, John Joseph,

#### Chief of Fire Department.

A splendid record is that of John Joseph Gilday, chief of the Fire Department of Hoboken, who has been a member of the city's fire-fighting organization for thirty-two years and its chief for the past six years. Courage and skill have been the characteristic features of his work and many citizens of the city of Hoboken have had occasion to be deeply grateful for the swift and skillful aid of Mr. Gilday and his men.

Mr. Gilday was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey, October 29, 1861, and is a son of Anthony and Sarah A. (Mitchell) Gilday, the former of whom, a stationary engineer and a soldier for three years in the Civil War, died at the age of seventy-one years. After attending Our Lady of Grace Parochial School, he continued his studies in Public School No. 3, in Hoboken, where he also took a commercial course. Before completing his school training he had begun to learn a trade and to contribute to his support by entering the employ of the McLarn Machine Company, for whom he worked after the close of the school session and during vaca-

tions. For four years he maintained this connection and then engaged in practical mechanical engineering in New York City. For twenty years he continued in that line successfully. At the end of that time, in 1891, he became a member of the Hoboken Fire Department, and since then his connection with that department of the municipal service has been continuous. After ten years of faithful and efficient service in the ranks, he was made a captain. In 1917 he became battalion chief, and in 1918 was appointed to the highest office in the department. His long record of more than three decades is filled with notable incidents and with exciting adventures, and many times he has faced death unflinchingly in the performance of duty. His large scrap book, containing accounts of the principal fires and the exploits of the fire fighters of Hoboken, is most interesting, and furnishes valuable records for the use of local historians. Few men in the city of Hoboken or in any other city can boast so long a connection with the arduous work of fighting flames and none can boast a cleaner or more creditable record than can John J. Gilday.

Fraternally Mr. Gilday is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, and he is also a member of the Holy Name Society of Our Lady of Grace Church. He keeps closely in touch with fire operations throughout the State through membership in the New Jersey State Chiefs' Association, and extends his interest to still wider fields through membership in the International Association of Fire Engineers. He is also a member of the Old Volunteers' Association. Mr. Gilday is widely known in the city of Hoboken and is highly esteemed among a host of personal friends as well as among the legion of those who know him through his ser-

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vices in the department. His religious affiliation is with the Church of Our Lady of Grace, Roman Catholic. Mr. Gilday brings as much enthusiasm to his recreations as he does to the work of fire-fighting. He is an enthusiastic baseball "fan," a patient deep sea fisherman, a good amateur boxer, and is very fond of music. During the World War he took part in the extinguishing of some sixty ship fires along the water front.

John Joseph Gilday married (first), at St. Peter's Church, on Barclay street, New York, March 12, 1886, Catherine Waters, of New York City, daughter of John and Mary (Hobins) Waters. He married (second), in the Church of Our Lady of Grace, Hoboken, New Jersey, July 21, 1909, Elizabeth Hartigan, of Hoboken, daughter of Michael and Mary (Guilfoyle) Hartigan. Five children were born to the first marriage, and three to the second; four are deceased, and four living, as follows: Mary A., born August 1, 1899; Raymond P., born October 15, 1909; Joseph V., born April 6, 1911; and Girard, born December 27, 1913.

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### DAVIS, Robert Benson,

**Business Man, Civil War Veteran.**

As founder and chief executive of one of the largest concerns of its kind in the world, the late Robert Benson Davis has contributed much to the economic prosperity of the country and his death in 1920, at the age of seventy-six, closed a long and notably honorable career. The Davis Baking Powder Company, Inc., is known not only throughout the length and breadth of this country, but in many foreign lands, as the concern which markets a baking powder of the highest quality at popular prices.

Robert Benson Davis was a veteran of

the Civil War, in which conflict he served as a member of Troop L, 1st Regiment, Mounted Rifles, New York State Volunteers, from 1862 to 1865. A few years after the close of the war, in 1877, he engaged in the manufacture of baking powder. His venture proved successful and was continued under his own name until 1905, when the business had grown to proportions which made incorporation advisable. The main offices are now located in Hoboken, New Jersey, and the concern, which is now one of the largest of its kind in the world, does both an export and a domestic business. When the founder began making baking powder in a small way, in 1877, he followed a clearly defined policy. He had determined to make an article of the highest quality and to sell at a moderate price. That policy has been continued by the successors of Mr. Davis, and the Davis Baking Powder Company is still selling a first-grade baking powder at a popular price.

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### RECK, William F.,

**Business Executive.**

One of the most interesting industrial concerns of Hoboken, New Jersey, is the Decalco Litho Company, with plant at No. 611 Newark street, in this city. William F. Reck and Herbert E. Olsen, who form the executive board of the organization, are among the prominent and progressive business men of Hudson county, alert to all advance, both along industrial lines and the more broadly significant activities of the civic body, the Commonwealth and the Nation.

William F. Reck, president of this concern, was born at Union Hill, New Jersey, and was educated in the public and high schools of Hudson county. With several

years of practical business experience,

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Mr. Reck became identified with the present company and has since been a leading factor in its progress, becoming president of the concern upon its incorporation. This business was founded under the firm name of the American Transfer Pictures & Printing Company, in 1908. During its early years the activities of the enterprise comprised chiefly the manufacture of printed toy goods, and the company is understood to have been the original American manufacturer of children's decalcomania transfer pictures. The business was incorporated in 1918, under the present name of the Decalco Litho Company, Incorporated, and at that time the scope of the work was largely extended, increased facilities being installed. From that time forward they handled high-grade commercial lithography and color printing, together with commercial window decalcomanias and name plates. In February, 1921, the increase of the interest made it necessary to secure more spacious quarters and they removed to the present three-story brick structure on Newark street, and in addition to the above products they are taking a leading place in the lithographing and printing of advertising mediums, stationery and banking institution forms, and many diversified lines in this general field. They supply many of the most important national advertisers and ship to practically every State in the Union. Upholding the highest standards of artistic production and carrying forward their activities under the loftiest business principles, they have attained an enviable position in the industrial world and are steadily going forward to ever-increasing success. The officers of the concern at present (1923) are: William F. Reck, president; and Herbert E. Olsen, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Reck, as the

head of the organization, is counted among the leading executives of the city of Hoboken. Independent in his political convictions, he takes only the interest of the progressive citizen in public affairs, but lends his influence to all organized advance in every field which interests the people and contributes to their welfare. Mr. Olsen is a native of Hoboken, having received his education and unusual business training locally.

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### KROOG, John,

#### **Business Man.**

As vice-president of the Keystone Dairy Company, of Hoboken, New Jersey, Mr. Kroog has a wide acquaintance, which is augmented by the extent of his membership in various organizations. He is a son of Frederick and Sophie Kroog, the father having been a cabinet-maker.

John Kroog was born at Hoboken, New Jersey, January 25, 1885, and received a public school education there. In 1903 he became the vice-president of the Keystone Dairy Company and has held that office continuously since. He is an Independent in politics. Fraternally he affiliates with Wakefield Lodge, No. 211, Free and Accepted Masons, of Fort Lee, New Jersey; and the Junior Order of American Mechanics. He also is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and New York Milk Conference Board. In religion he is a member of the Woodcliffe Reformed Church.

Mr. Kroog was united in marriage, July 15, 1912, at New York City, with Ethel Ruth Jenkins, a native of East Orange, New Jersey, and daughter of James and Rose (Murphy) Jenkins. Their one child, Harold John, was born at Jersey City Heights, New Jersey, July 6, 1913.



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### MUZZI, Caesar, Sr.,

#### Founder of Business Enterprise.

Caesar Muzzi, Sr., was born July 3, 1843, in Bobbio, Province of Lombardy, Italy. He was the founder of the C. Muzzi Hardware Company, Nos. 104-106-108 Jefferson street, Hoboken, New Jersey, one of the most progressive business firms of Hudson county. This concern was established in March, 1902, at No. 84 Jefferson street, Hoboken, New Jersey, by Mr. Muzzi and Edward Benzoni, the latter now retired. In 1903 they removed to No. 104 Jefferson street and there continued until 1912, when the interest of Edward Benzoni was purchased by the estate of Caesar Muzzi. Mr. Muzzi was a man of extremely active business habits and built up from a small beginning one of the largest organizations of its kind in the county. He was also a participant in public affairs, both city and county, and was held in high esteem by a large circle of friends.

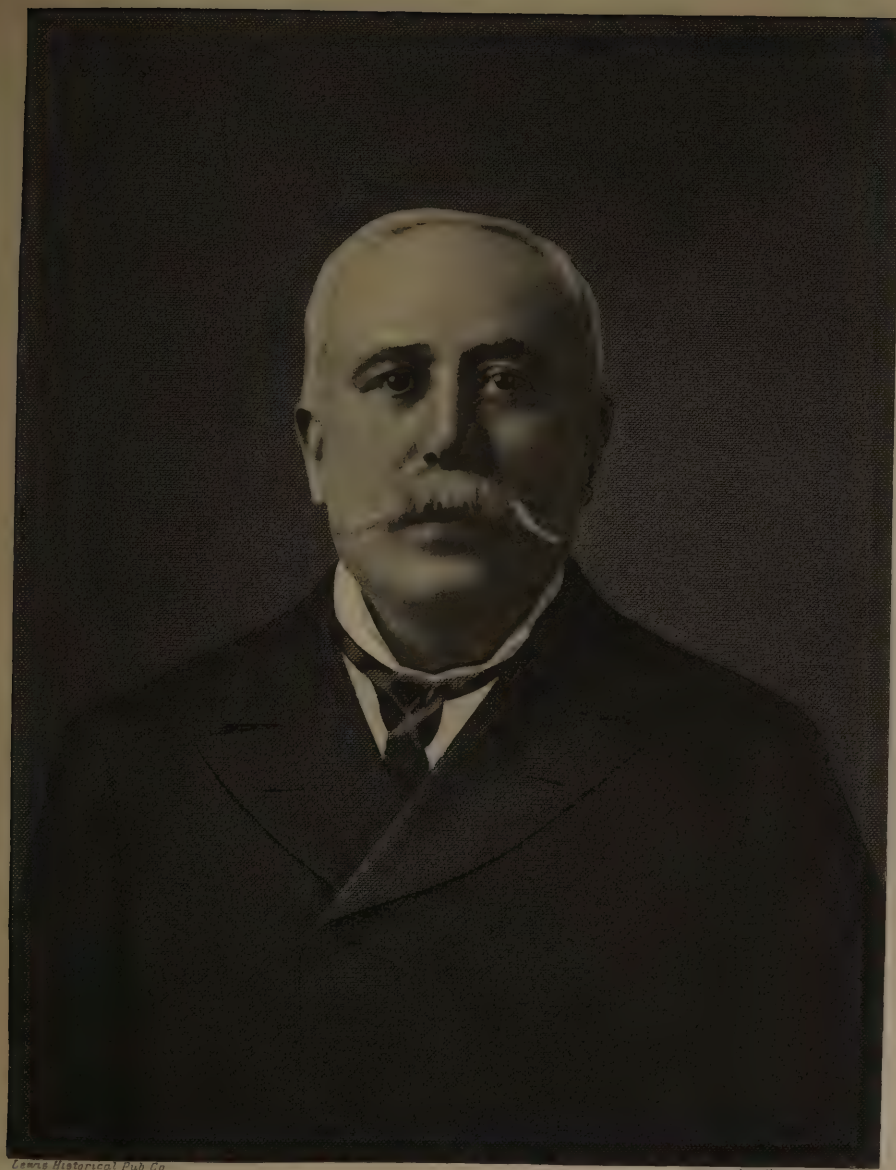
Mr. Muzzi married, in his birthplace, in 1865, Josephine Brucelarie, of that town, and in 1866 they came to the United States, settling in Hoboken. Before leaving his native land Caesar Muzzi had served in the Italian army. Mr. and Mrs. Muzzi were the parents of three sons and four daughters. Of these, Ernest, now deceased, was associated with the Board of Education of Hoboken, and was active in city affairs; Caesar Muzzi, Jr., who had been educated in the Hoboken High School, entered the business with his father and later, in 1911, after the death of Mr. Muzzi, Sr., another brother, Henry, entered the business which he and his brother have conducted successfully to the present time. The firm handles a complete line of builders' hardware, factory and contractors' supplies, tools and paints.

### GOLDZMAN, Samuel,

#### Founder of Bakery Business.

Among the foreign-born residents of Hudson county who have transmitted opportunity into success in this country is Samuel Goldzman, founder and owner of a large retail and wholesale bakery business in Jersey City. Mr. Goldzman is a son of Harry and Leah (Starcker) Goldzman, the former of whom is engaged in business as a merchant.

Born in Russia, September 15, 1882, Samuel Goldzman received his education, including military training, in his native land and came to this country in 1903, when he was twenty-one years of age. He secured a position in a bakery and with characteristic energy devoted his attention to the mastery of every detail of the business. He worked hard, learned much, and saved his earnings. America, for him, was the "land of opportunity," but he did not make the mistake of expecting uncultivated opportunity to yield him the harvest of success. He kept a sharp lookout for openings for future operations, but gave most of his time preparing himself for the wise and skillful use of opportunity when it might arrive. In 1911 he established a small retail business of his own. Steadily this little enterprise grew and, as a result of the hard work and wise planning of its founder, its growth was not only steady but rapid. Within a few years the modest retail bakery had become a prosperous wholesale concern, and the young Russian who arrived in America, a lad with only his youth and ability as capital, found himself a successful business man of large interests and steadily increasing wealth. Mr. Goldzman has a host of friends in Jersey City and vicinity and is highly esteemed among his business associates.



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He is a member of the synagogue on Fifth street, Temple Aheb Scholem.

Samuel Goldzman married, in Russia, in 1901, Anna Goleb, daughter of Samuel and Yetta (Pikus) Goleb, and they are the parents of five children: Harry, born in January, 1906; Benjamin, born October 12, 1907; David, born November 26, 1910; Alex, born September 1, 1914; and Myer, born December 31, 1919.

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### SKLAR, Robert,

#### **Business Man.**

In one of the most practical lines of mercantile endeavor in Jersey City, New Jersey, Robert Sklar holds a leading position as one of the executives of the firm of Sklar Brothers, moving and warehouse dealers. In this connection he is associated with his twin brother, Leon Sklar, and they are doing a very extensive and constantly increasing business. They are sons of Jacob and Blanche (Israel) Sklar, who were born and married in Russia and came to this country with their children about nineteen years ago. They have since resided in Bayonne. The family numbers six children: Leonia, Eleanor, Harry, Benjamin, and Leon and Robert, twins.

Robert Sklar was born in Russia, July 15, 1899, and was about four years of age when he came to this country with his parents. Attending the public schools of Jersey City with his twin brother, Mr. Sklar gained a practical education which has well fitted him for his business activities, and as young men, Leon and Robert Sklar entered the moving and storage business in Bayonne, New Jersey. They later put up two storage warehouses in Bayonne, at No. 27 West Twenty-fifth street, and at No. 13 West Eighteenth street, in that city. Extending their op-

erations to Jersey City, Messrs. Sklar erected a three-story and basement office and warehouse at Nos. 409 to 413 Ocean avenue, Jersey City, where their interests are now centered. They have eight large modern equipped moving vans, and their trips have been to Canada, Virginia, and West New York State. Aside from their offices they have three stores in this building which they rent and this fine modern structure is considered one of the noteworthy buildings in the immediate vicinity. The brothers are both progressive, forward-looking young men of large energy and practical ability and are carrying forward this interest with ever increasing success. Both are members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and attend the Twentieth street synagogue.

Robert Sklar married Lillian Cornfield and they have one daughter, Gertrude, three months old. Leon Sklar married Rose Bernstein, and they have one child, Gladys, four months old.

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### JANNUZZI, Luigi,

#### **Business Man, Realtor.**

One of the foremost men in Italian-American circles in Jersey City, New Jersey, is Luigi Jannuzzi, who holds a leading position in this part of the country in the wholesale and retail distribution of olive oil, cheese, and general groceries, and is a large importer of olive oil, which he makes a specialty. Coming to the United States only twenty years ago and for only the past fifteen years a resident of Jersey City, Mr. Jannuzzi has won a very high position in commercial circles and is esteemed by all who know him. He is a son of Guiseppe Jannuzzi, who was born at Monopoli, Italy, January 4, 1855, and is still living in that country. He is a

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road contractor on a very large scale and an important man in this field of industrial activity in Italy. The mother, Maria Guiseppa (Pastora) Jannuzzi, also a native of Italy, is also still living. They are the parents of two children: Luigi, whose name entitles this review; and Leonardo, who was born May 28, 1896, and is secretary of the concern of which the elder brother is president.

Luigi Jannuzzi was born at Monopoli, Italy, April 29, 1884. Attending school in his native place until the age of seventeen years, he came to America about one year after the completion of his studies and located first in West Virginia, where he was active in various lines of commercial endeavor. Coming to Jersey City in the year 1908, Mr. Jannuzzi established the Jannuzzi Importing Company, Incorporated, of which he has since been president, and began the importing of olive oil and various items included in the finer grade of groceries. With advantageous location he developed the interest rapidly and eventually entirely outgrew his first quarters, later removing to a spacious place at Nos. 285-287 Newark avenue, Jersey City. Mr. Jannuzzi has continued his policy of expansion and now stands among the foremost men in his chosen field in the metropolitan district. He secured a lease covering a considerable period of years in his new location and has made extensive improvements and alterations to meet his special needs. Having spent a number of years on the road as a traveling salesman when in West Virginia, Mr. Jannuzzi is widely known to the trade and is as widely popular. It is said that practically every ship that leaves Italy carries a large consignment of olive oil for the Jannuzzi Importing Company, Incorporated, to meet the demands of their very extensive and con-

stantly growing wholesale trade, which covers the United States. The firm imports direct and ships to the retail trade. In addition to his activities in connection with the Jannuzzi Importing Company, Incorporated, Mr. Jannuzzi opened, in September, 1922, an office at No. 289 Third avenue, Jersey City, for the buying and selling of real property, and is building up a prosperous real estate business. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Marion Building and Loan Association of Jersey City. Politically he gives his support to the Democratic party, in the affairs of which he takes an active interest. During the World War he rendered valuable service, selling Liberty bonds among the Italians of Jersey City. Mr. Jannuzzi is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Illinois Commercial Men's Association, the Sons of Italy, and La Casoriana Society of Monopoli, Italy, which he has served as president. His religious affiliation is with the First Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Jannuzzi married, on February 12, 1912, in Italy, Grazia Alba, who was born in Italy, and is a daughter of Vincenzo and Maria Alba. Mr. and Mrs. Jannuzzi are the parents of one child: Guiseppe, who was born January 18, 1913.

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### **RICCIARDELLI, Fiore,**

**Business Executive, Music Teacher, Inventor.**

As president and treasurer of the Utilities Specialty Company, Fiore Ricciardelli is at the head of a concern which in nine years has developed into a prosperous enterprise known from coast to coast. It is engaged in the manufacture of restaurant supplies, and tourists may have their meals served to them on products of this concern all the way across the continent. Although Mr. Ricciardelli is a

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notably successful business man, it is not in that capacity that he is best known in the community in which he lives, however. His friends and associates know him best as a music teacher who is skilled in the use of both stringed and wind instruments. He is also an inventor.

Born in Santa Paolina, Italy, April 12, 1874, Fiore Ricciardelli is a son of Emanuel and Gaetana (Leona) Ricciardelli, the former of whom was the proprietor of a department store. Fiore Ricciardelli's father is one of the few "Red Shirts" left who fought under Garibaldi for the freedom of Italy. When he was six years of age the family removed to Santangelo All'Esca and there he attended the public schools, graduating at the age of twelve years. After graduation he began to learn the mechanic's trade, but he had been studying music from the time he was old enough to hold an instrument, and was already well advanced in that art when he completed his school training, and was even then an accomplished performer on the violin, cornet, mandolin, and guitar. A natural born musician, he developed his native talent by conscientious training and has made himself master of practically all stringed and wind instruments and a capable teacher of them all, his specialty being solo cornet work and the training of solo cornetists.

His musical activities, however, have not prevented his achieving business success in other lines, neither has musical "temperament" prevented his adhering steadily to the business course he planned. For fifteen years he remained in the employ of the Manhattan Electrical Supply Company, during which time he made many improvements in the department and thoroughly modernized both its equipment and its method. In 1914 he decided to engage in business for

himself and organized the Utilities Specialty Company, of which he is president and treasurer. The concern, which is engaged in the manufacture of restaurant supplies, has grown rapidly and now sends its products to all parts of the country. Mr. Ricciardelli is a man of considerable inventive ability and has patented five of his inventions, all of which have been successfully marketed. With all his ability he is a modest man and has steadily refused prominent positions in social and political organizations in order that he may devote himself to his wife and family and to his three absorbing interests, music, mechanics, and inventions. He is an enthusiastic member of La Concordia, a benefit society of Jersey City, which is rapidly growing, and which owes much of its present prosperity to Mr. Ricciardelli's business acumen and influence, and he also contributes liberally to charitable enterprises of merit. His religious interest is neutral, but his family attend the Holy Rosary Church on Sixth street, Jersey City.

In Jersey City, New Jersey, December 29, 1899, Fiore Ricciardelli married Laura Ricciardelli, daughter of Tony and Filomena (Dante) Ricciardelli, the former of whom was municipal secretary of Santa Paolina, Italy. Mrs. Ricciardelli was born in Santa Paolina, in 1884, and was brought to this country by her parents when she was five years of age. She and her husband are related through five generations and are natives of the same city. Fiore and Laura (Ricciardelli) Ricciardelli are the parents of nine children: Edith, Sylvia, Rudolph, Minnie, Laura, Martha, George, Edward, Caesar. In addition to the bringing up of his own children, Mr. Ricciardelli brought up, and educated all his father's children.



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### **FAVARO, Marcello,**

#### **Real Estate and Insurance Broker.**

One of the foremost figures in Italian-American circles in Hudson county, New Jersey, is Marcello Favaro, who for a number of years has been a largely successful real estate and insurance broker. A man of large ability and broad public spirit, Mr. Favaro has been one of the strong influences for progress which have been felt in this section in recent years, and his public activities have contributed very materially to the welfare of the people. He is a son of Ferninard Favaro, a prominent wine grower of Italy, who served in the Bersaglieri in Italy with honor and distinction; and who married Louise Zucchini, also a native of Italy; they were the parents of three sons and two daughters. Of the other sons, Baldo was also a member of the Bersaglieri, with the rank of lieutenant, and Peter served in the artillery, with the rank of sergeant, both serving for five years in the great war.

Marcello Favaro was born at Piverone Forino, Italy, June 19, 1876. His education was begun in the public schools of Italy and he later had the advantage of a course at the College of Vescouile-Ivrea, where he took a general course and was graduated in the class of 1895. Active for a number of years in his native land in the mercantile affairs of the day, Mr. Favaro came to the United States in 1899 and for about five years was engaged in the hotel business in New York City. Coming to West Hoboken, New Jersey, in 1904, he opened a cafe at No. 616 Hoboken street. He continued until 1910, when he permanently severed his connection with that business. Entering the real estate and insurance field, Mr. Favaro was identified with the Metropoli-

tan Life Insurance Company for about six years, since which time he has handled general insurance in connection with his real estate interests and, with offices at No. 517 Syms street, he has gained a position of importance in his chosen field of activity. He has for a number of years acted as notary public and commissioner of deeds and has served in other minor public offices of similar nature.

A Republican by political affiliation, Mr. Favaro at all times gives his support to any worthy movement, but has taken little interest in the pursuit of political honors. He was elected a member of the City Council in the year 1920 and still serves. During the World War, Mr. Favaro gave his time almost wholly to the home activities of the period and was awarded a medal by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for selling stamps and Liberty bonds to an amount exceeding \$40,000. His fraternal affiliations are with Malta Lodge, No. 224, Free and Accepted Masons; the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he was treasurer for three years, but resigned; the Hoboken Lodge, No. 74, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and the Sons of Italy, of which he was financial secretary for five years. He is further a member of the Piveronese Society, of which he was the organizer and was president for five years; the Italian Recreative Circle, of which he was trustee and financial secretary for five years; the Lincoln Association of West Hoboken; and the Italian Republican Club, Inc., of which he has been president for the past three years.

Mr. Favaro married, on March 16, 1901, at New York City, Mary Mocco, daughter of Louis and Teressa (Cresto) Mocco, the father a farmer by occupation, but now deceased, but the mother is still



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living. Mr. and Mrs. Favaro are the parents of one child, Oliva Louise, born June 2, 1918.

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### LUBASH, Soloman,

#### **Business Man.**

The many and varied interests in which Soloman Lubash is active in Hoboken, New Jersey, have brought his name into wide prominence in Hudson county, and he is numbered among the really significant men of the day in this section. Possessing large executive ability and extensive influence, he has done much for the promotion of public and benevolent enterprises. He is a son of Mendel and Sarah Lubash, both natives of Austria, his father a merchant by occupation.

Soloman Lubash was born in Austria, December 25, 1875. His education was acquired in the public schools of his native country, and coming to America as a young man, he started in the passementerie business, by turning a spinning wheel at one dollar and a half per week until he became a spinner. Then he went in the mercantile business in which he has become so largely successful. Beginning with china and glassware, and on a very modest scale, he developed a thriving and prosperous business, and is now rounding out a full quarter of a century of successful business endeavor. He has for many years carried a complete line of house furnishings and toys, and his store is one of the attractive and well-patronized enterprises of the city. Doing business under the firm name of Sol. Lubash, Mr. Lubash is located at No. 218 Washington street, in his own building, and is counted among the broadly progressive and forward-looking men of the day in Hudson county. He is interested in all civic and social advance. In 1914 he was appointed

a member of the Board of Health in Hoboken, and is also a member of Hoboken Chamber of Commerce. Deeply interested in the ownership of homes among the people of moderate means, he is a director of the Journal Square Building and Loan Association of Jersey City. Fraternally Mr. Lubash is identified with Golden Rule Lodge, No. 235, Free and Accepted Masons, of Hoboken, also with Lodge No. 74, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Hoboken. The benevolences of his own people find in Mr. Lubash a dependable ally. He is a leading figure in the activities of the Jewish Community Centre in Hoboken, of which he is now (1923) president, and he is vice-president of the Hebrew Orphan's Home of Hudson county. He is a member of the Star of Israel Congregation of Hoboken.

Soloman Lubash married, in New York City, June 4, 1899, Ada Lakinsky, who was born in London, England, and is a daughter of Meyer and Elsie Lakinsky, both natives of Russia. Mr. and Mrs. Lubash are the parents of three children: Elsie, born in Brooklyn, New York, April 14, 1900; Milton, born in Hoboken, New Jersey, August 21, 1901; and Myron, born in New York City, December 23, 1914. The Lubash residence is at No. 634 Hudson street, Hoboken, New Jersey.

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### BROWN, Willard Morrow,

#### **Financier.**

Prominent in business circles of Hudson county, New Jersey, Willard Morrow Brown is vice-president and secretary of The New Jersey Title Guarantee and Trust Company of Jersey City, and has been identified with financial institutions since the beginning of his business career. He is well-known in New York City,

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where he has been associated with three leading trust companies. Mr. Brown is a son of Harry Ashburnham and Annie (Robinson) Brown, the former of whom is employed in the United States Internal Revenue Department of Wilmington, Delaware.

Born in Wilmington, Delaware, on April 3, 1880, Mr. Brown received his elementary training in the Friends' School, of his native city, and then continued his studies in the Wilmington High School, and Drexel Institute of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Since leaving the Institute, Mr. Brown has been continuously identified with important financial establishments. He received his first position with the United States Mortgage and Trust Company of New York City, and later was identified with the Windsor Trust Company, with which he remained until he became associated with the Trust Company of America, which company was later merged with the Equitable Trust Company. All of these are important financial organizations of New York City, but at the present time Mr. Brown is best known through his connection with The New Jersey Title Guarantee and Trust Company of Jersey City, of which he is vice-president and secretary. This institution is one of the strongest of its kind in the city, and Mr. Brown's official connection with it places him in a prominent position among the financiers of New Jersey. He is president of the Hudson county group, New Jersey Bankers' Association, having been elected November 20, 1922, and he was the organizer of the Hudson County Chapter of the American Institute of Banking. He is also a director of the Union Towel Supply Company. From 1901 to 1914 Mr. Brown was a member of the First Field Company Signal Corps,

National Guard of New Jersey. Fraternally he is affiliated with Bergen Lodge, No. 47, Free and Accepted Masons. He is a member of the Knickerbocker Country Club, and the Cartaret and Rotary clubs of Jersey City.

Willard Morrow Brown married, April 16, 1907, at Jersey City, New Jersey, Clara Throckmorton, daughter of James Barberie and Elizabeth Adele (Pendexter) Throckmorton, and they are the parents of two children: Willard Morrow, Jr., born January 21, 1908, and James Throckmorton, born October 2, 1910.

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### **McNENNEY, Claudio Emmett,**

**Physician, World War Veteran.**

As a representative physician of Hudson county, New Jersey, Dr. McNenney is well-known in Jersey City and vicinity, but he is far more widely known in military circles and his activities during the World War reached broad significance. Entering the great war as a veteran of the Mexican border activities, Dr. McNenney was equipped to serve with the broadest usefulness. He is a son of Frank B. McNenney, who was born at Peekskill, New York, in 1843, and throughout his active lifetime has been a sugar broker in Cuba, where he still resides. The mother, Elizabeth (Burns) McNenney, was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, in 1858, and died in 1916.

Claudio E. McNenney was born in Havana, Cuba, July 28, 1880. His education was begun in the schools of Cuba, but he was later sent to St. Peter's College, Jersey City, New Jersey, from which institution he was graduated in the class of 1900. His choice of a profession early determined, he entered Columbia University, New York City, and was graduated in 1904, with the degree of Doctor of

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Medicine. His internship was begun at the Lying-In Hospital in New York City, where he was active for six months, then for sixteen months he served at the Jersey City Hospital. In 1906 Dr. McNenney established his office in Jersey City and entered upon the general practice of medicine. During those early years he served as surgeon for the Erie railroad for a considerable period, and he has also for a number of years been active as health officer of Jersey City. He has served for a number of years on the visiting staff of the Jersey City Isolation Hospital, and is now in charge of the out-patient department of the Children's Clinic. In connection with all these public services and influential activities, Dr. McNenney's private practice has developed very extensively and he may well be mentioned as one of the busiest, as well as one of the most successful, physicians of this city. Standing high in the profession, he holds membership in the American Medical Association, the New Jersey State Medical Society, and the Hudson County Medical Society.

Always deeply interested in public advance and patriotic endeavor, Dr. McNenney enlisted in the Fourth Regiment, New Jersey National Guard, in 1907, and in 1916 was commissioned lieutenant of the Medicine Corps and sent to the Mexican border, where he served for four months. When the United States entered the World War, he was transferred to the Federal Service and was with the American Expeditionary Forces overseas for a full year as surgeon of the Medical Corps with the rank of captain. He was attached to the 104th Battalion, Field Artillery. He received his honorable discharge from the active service in May, 1919. Throughout the entire period of his connection with the military activities of the State and Nation, Dr. McNenney

has devoted much of his time and energy to the forwarding of the interests of the military organizations with which he has served. As Captain McNenney, he is widely known and as widely popular. By political affiliation a Democrat, he is deeply interested in all civic affairs, but has never had leisure for public activities except such as align with his professional work and his military duties. Fraternally Dr. McNenney is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 211; the Knights of Columbus, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He is a prominent member of the Carteret Club of Jersey City.

Dr. McNenney married, at Jersey City, in 1909, Alice O'Toole, daughter of John O'Toole, a resident of Jersey City. Dr. and Mrs. McNenney are the parents of two children: Robert C. and Emily C. Dr. McNenney's office and residence are at No. 94 Duncan avenue, Jersey City.

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### MURPHY, John J.,

#### Attorney.

One of the most prominent members of the New Jersey State bar in Hudson county, Mr. Murphy is now engaged in the practice of law at East Newark. He was born at Harrison, New Jersey, March 16, 1886, son of Michael and Rose (Lynch) Murphy. His father, who is now retired from active participation in business affairs, was a builder and contractor. During the active years of his career, the elder Mr. Murphy made great contributions towards the development and progress of Harrison. He was a great believer in the advantages of wise and conservative town planning and in the obligation which a community has of maintaining the utmost efficiency and appropriateness in its public and private buildings. He erected many of the finest



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dwellings in the town, and was a leader in all movements designed to increase the prosperity and welfare of the community by raising the standards of living among all classes. Since his retirement, Michael Murphy has continued to take an interest in public affairs, and he is always ready to lend his support to any civic undertaking. His place in the community is one of substance and influence, and he enjoys the respect and admiration of the townspeople in general.

John J. Murphy received his preliminary education at the Holy Cross Parochial School at Harrison, his family and himself being staunch adherents of the Catholic faith. After his graduation from Holy Cross, he was enrolled as a pupil of the College of St. Francis Xavier in New York City, where, under the instruction of the Jesuit fathers who conduct the school, he received a thorough academic training. He was graduated from the college on June 9, 1903. During his collegiate days, Mr. Murphy had been greatly attracted by the profession of law and he had decided to become a lawyer. This decision met with his father's approval and, accordingly, after his graduation from college, he became a student at the New York Law School, from which he was graduated on June 13, 1907, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, after having completed a four years' course of study with great credit.

Mr. Murphy began his professional career in the office of Chauncey G. Parker, of Newark. He read law with Mr. Parker for some time, and in November, 1908, was admitted to the New Jersey State bar as an attorney-at-law. Some time after his admission to the bar, Mr. Murphy left Mr. Parker and entered into partnership with Mr. Dalrymple and Mr. Williams, forming the law firm of Dalrymple, Williams & Murphy. This part-

nership continued until the death of Mr. Dalrymple. Thereafter, Mr. Williams and Mr. Murphy continued to conduct the business of the firm until 1922, when Mr. Murphy decided to establish himself in an independent practice. He left Mr. Williams, therefore, and opened an office in the First National Bank building at East Newark, where he is now located. Mr. Murphy's practice is general, for, although certain types of cases interest him more than others, he has not yet found it advisable to specialize in any particular kind of litigation. In June, 1902, he was admitted to the State bar as a councillor-at-law, and his unusual powers of analysis and concentration, together with a gift of forensic phrase, have enabled him to make a name for himself in the legal world. He belongs to the New Jersey Bar Association; the American Bar Association; and the Essex County and Lawyers' clubs.

In politics Mr. Murphy is a Democrat. He was appointed police judge of East Newark in 1913, and this office he still holds. In religious faith he is a Catholic, and he takes a great interest in the activities of the parish to which he belongs. He is a member of the Down Town Club of Newark and also of the Newark Athletic Club. He has not as yet affiliated himself with any fraternal organization, although he is a great believer in the value of such organizations, especially insofar as they furnish a bond of union between the members of a community, and, in a larger sense, between men in all parts of the country, thus contributing to the solidarity of American society.

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**NEVIN, Joseph Armstrong,**

**Physician.**

As a successful physician engaged in general practice in Jersey City for the



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past fifteen years and as the son of a beloved physician who for thirty-five years served a very large clientele in that city, Dr. Joseph Armstrong Nevin is one of the best known men of his profession in Hudson county. He is a son of the late Dr. Joseph Lawrence Nevin, whose forebears were of Scotch ancestry, but came to this country from Ireland about 1830, and who, during the three and a half decades of his notably successful career as a general practitioner, won the deep respect of a host of those whom he served, as well as of his professional associates. Both he and his wife, Elizabeth James (Laird) Nevin, now deceased, won a large and well-deserved place in the esteem and affection of their many friends, and their memory is still cherished among their surviving contemporaries.

Dr. Joseph Armstrong Nevin, son of Dr. Joseph Lawrence and Elizabeth J. (Laird) Nevin, was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, June 21, 1879. After attending a private school and the grammar school in Jersey City, he became a student in Peekskill Military Academy, at Peekskill, New York. Later he began studies in Stevens School, at Hoboken, New Jersey, from which he was graduated in June, 1898. He then matriculated in Lafayette College, at Easton, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1902, with the degree of Bachelor of Science, and immediately after the completion of his college course he began his professional study in the New York Homeopathic Medical College, completing his studies there with graduation in 1906, at which time he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He followed his professional study with a year of practical experience in Flower Hospital, and then in 1907 engaged in general practice in his native city. Success came to him and his clientele steadily grew, and as time passed

he built up an exceptionally large and important patronage. His father's long period of service and his exceptionally fine reputation as a physician was a valuable asset to the son, and then as time passed the son demonstrated fully his own ability in the professional field, and new patients came rapidly. He is well-known as a skilled and faithful physician who devotes his entire attention and his full ability to the care of each case. He has won the lasting gratitude of many who attribute to his faithfulness and skill the life and health of loved ones, and among his professional associates he is highly respected. In addition to the responsibilities of his private practice, he served during the World War as a member of the Medical Advisory Board of Hudson County. He is a member of the board of directors of the Highland Trust Company of New Jersey, and he keeps "fit" for his work by plenty of exercise on the golf links, and by travel. He is fond of reading and finds time not only to keep in touch with all the latest developments of his profession, but extends his study to many fields of interest not included within his profession. Few men of the city have more friends or stand higher in the esteem of their friends than does Dr. Nevin.

Fraternally he is a member of Chi Phi fraternity of Lafayette College; of Alpha Sigma, a medical fraternity; and of the Knights of the Round Table. He is a member of the Hudson County Medical Society, of the New Jersey State Medical Society, the American Medical Association, the Hudson County University Club, the Carteret Club, the Machaon Club, and the Unanimous Club. His religious affiliation is with the United Presbyterian Church, but that of his wife and family is with the Episcopal Church of the Ascension.

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Dr. Joseph Armstrong Nevin married, on October 30, 1907, in Grace Church, New York City, Helen Mabel Bailey, and they are the parents of four children: Helen Elizabeth, born September 1, 1908; Joseph Armstrong, Jr., born December 26, 1909; John Le Page, born August 11, 1912; and Kathleen, born May 29, 1914.

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### REARDON, Frank J.,

#### Lawyer.

Attaining his position in the professional world of Hudson county wholly by his own efforts, Frank J. Reardon, of Jersey City, New Jersey, brought to his work a large ability and the progressive spirit which makes him useful to the community as well as successful from the view-point of the individual. A native of this city, Mr. Reardon was brought up in the same surroundings in which he has won prominence. He is a son of William A. and Bridget C. (Maugin) Reardon, and his father was for thirty years a noteworthy figure in transportation matters in this section as agent in charge of milk transportation for the Susquehanna & Western railroad.

Frank J. Reardon was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, August 1, 1887. As a young lad, he attended St. Mary's Academy and Public School No. 1, of Jersey City, then had the advantage of a course at St. Peter's College. He then entered the employ of the New York Telephone Company in their auditor's office in New York City, where he remained for several years. During the greater part of this time he spent his evenings in study at the night classes of the New York University School of Law, then spent one year at that institution, and was graduated in 1912, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He also read law in the offices of James A. Hamill and Charles M. Egan.

Admitted to the bar of New Jersey as attorney in November, 1912, he took up the general practice of law immediately, also, for about two years, served in the Hudson county surrogate's office. Since 1914 he has devoted his entire attention to his private practice and to the responsibilities of assistant corporation counsel of Jersey City, to which office he was appointed at that time. Mr. Reardon has won an enviable position in his chosen field of professional endeavor, and takes a deep interest in all that pertains to the progress of his native city. He is a director of and counsel for the American Building and Loan Association, an organization which has done much for the physical development of some of the most attractive residence sections of the city. He is a member of the Hudson County Bar Association, and fraternally is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Columbus. He is a member of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, of Jersey City.

Mr. Reardon married, in Jersey City, Florence S. Scott, daughter of Oliver J. Scott, of this city, and they are the parents of two children: Frank J., Jr., and William.

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### COX, George,

#### Hardware Merchant.

The man who conducts a useful business enterprise built upon the sound principle of "honest business methods" makes a valuable contribution to the economic and moral welfare of the community in which he resides. One of the business enterprises of West Hoboken, New Jersey, which throughout its career has based its policy upon the working principle of "a square deal," is the large hardware concern located at the corner of the Hackensack plank road and Hudson

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boulevard, which operates under the name of George Cox.

The Cox family is one of the oldest and most prominent families of Northern England, and the history of the branch in this country to which the late George Cox belongs begins with William Cox, who emigrated from England to this country in 1838 and settled in West Hoboken. In the spring of the following year he opened a general store in a small house situated near the present location, on the corner of Hackensack plank road and Hudson boulevard. William Cox sold practically everything needed by the people of the community, and gave close attention to his business, but he did not place profit above principle. From the beginning he was resolved that his business enterprise should have a soul. It should be guided by a sound working principle which must not be violated for material gain. "Honest Business Methods" might have been made to serve as a slogan and a trade mark, but instead William Cox made honest business methods and a "square deal" the hidden principles which must be expressed in the actual conduct of his business. Patrons soon recognized the fact that they always received a square deal at the general store of William Cox, and the enterprise prospered and continued to grow, still guided by the same working principle, to the time of the death of the founder in 1878, when the enterprise was taken over by the son, George Cox.

George Cox, son of William Cox, was born in England in 1837, and was brought to this country with his parents when an infant less than a year old. The family settled at once in West Hoboken, and in the public schools of that community the boy George received his education. As a small lad he began to help his father in the store, and as the business continued

to grow and larger quarters became necessary, the present building at the corner of Hackensack plank road and Hudson boulevard was erected by the Cox family in 1861. Upon the death of William Cox in 1878, the son, George Cox, took over the management of the steadily growing enterprise, and when his sons, William and Albert, had completed their school training they were admitted to partnership under the firm name of George Cox & Sons. In 1905 the firm discontinued their grocery department and the enterprise has since been conducted as a hardware and feed store. George Cox continued to direct the policies of the business to the time of his death in 1910, when the sons, William and Albert, became proprietors. They have strictly adhered to the principle laid down by their grandfather, the founder of the business, and to that adherence they attribute their success. Both William and Albert Cox are highly esteemed in the community and they have won the confidence and high regard of all who know them.

George Cox married, in 1860, Catherine von Asperen, and they became the parents of eight children, among them William, born in 1861, married in 1893, Elizabeth Applegate, of the well-known Hoboken family, and they are the parents of five children; and Albert A., born in 1873, married Annie McAller, and they are the parents of five children: George, Albert, Joseph, Norman, and Annetta.

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### CARROL, Thomas,

**Business Man, Public Official.**

Thomas Carrol, clerk of Weehawken township, has held that official position for the past twenty-two years, and is one of the recognized leaders of the Republi-



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can party in Weehawken. He has held other official positions, has been active in athletic and club affairs, and has a host of friends throughout the township.

(I) Philip and Mary Carrol, grandparents of Mr. Carrol, came to this country from Ireland in 1860, and settled in Princeton, New Jersey, where the grandfather opened a large stone quarry. They reared a family of children, among whom was Patrick, of further mention.

(II) Patrick Carrol, son of Philip and Mary Carrol, was born in Tipperary, Ireland, and came to this country with his parents in 1860. He learned the trade of carpenter in New Brunswick, New Jersey. In 1862 he settled in Hoboken, New Jersey, where for twenty-eight years he had charge of the Hoboken Land and Improvement Company's saw mill. Some time after he entered the employ of the Hoboken Land and Improvement Company he removed to Weehawken, New Jersey, and there he continued to reside to the time of his death in 1890. He married Johanna Sullivan, a native of Cork, Ireland, and they were the parents of children, among whom was Thomas, of further mention.

(III) Thomas Carrol, son of Patrick and Johanna (Sullivan) Carrol, was born in Hoboken, New Jersey, May 1, 1867. He received his education in St. Mary's Parochial School, and in the Christian Brothers' School, in Hoboken, New Jersey, and at the age of seventeen years entered the employ of the Standard Oil Company. After maintaining that connection for some time he resolved to make a change and learned the plumbing trade with J. H. Kniffen, of Hoboken. For six years he continued in that line of business with marked success, part of the time working in the employ of others, and part of the time conducting a business of

his own. He has always been active in the affairs of the Republican party, and in April, 1891, was elected clerk of Weehawken township, which official position he has continued to hold to the present time (1923). He also served as police clerk of Weehawken for a period of six years, and at the present time (1923) he is a recognized leader of the Republican party of Weehawken. In 1890 he organized the old Weehawken Athletic Club, which he served as secretary, and for several years he was most active in athletic affairs. He also rendered valuable service as a member of Baldwin Hose Company No. 1, which he served as secretary for six years, and of which he is now an exempt member. He is also secretary of the Old West Side Locust Club, and a member of the Glendlaugh Council, No. 214, C. B. L. His religious affiliation is with the Roman Catholic church of Union Hill, New Jersey.

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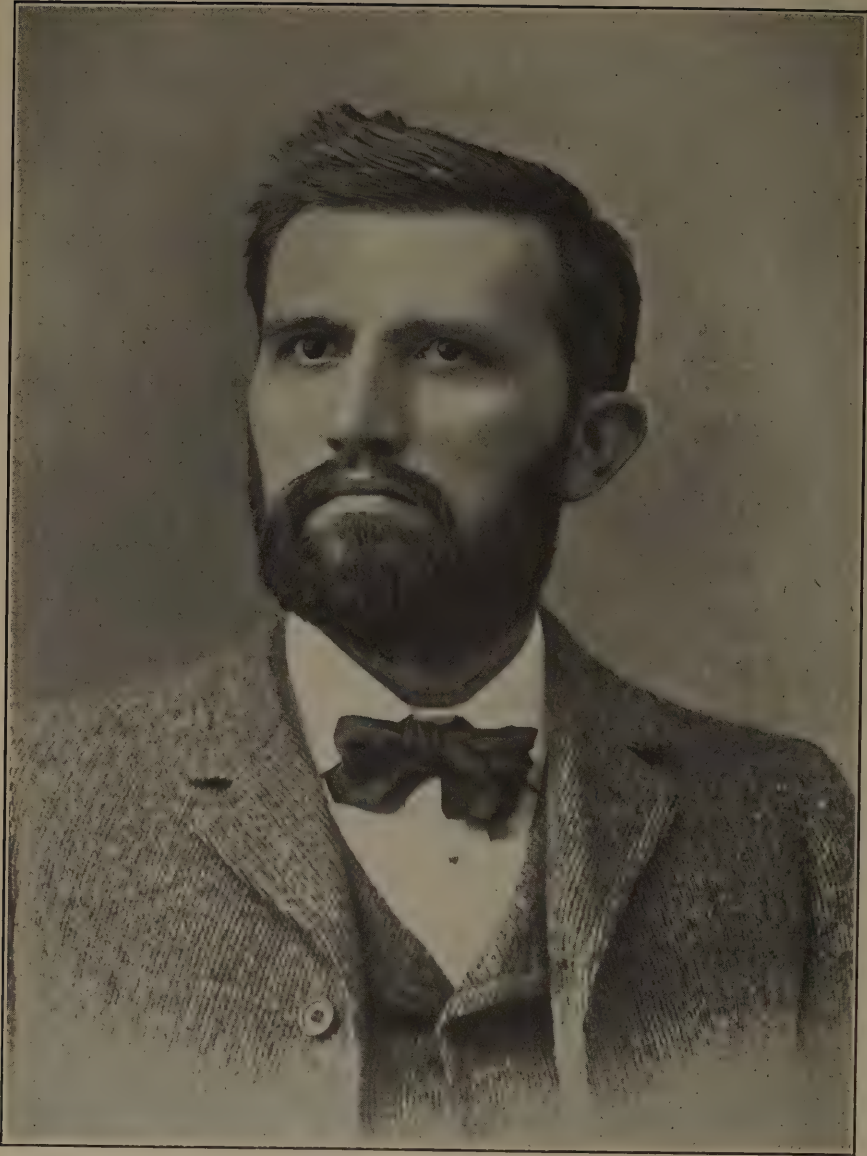
**OTTO, Hon. Frederick H., LL.B.,**

**Lawyer.**

In legal circles in Jersey City, New Jersey, the name of Frederick H. Otto is one of large prominence, but Mr. Otto is even better known as a former member of the New Jersey State House of Representatives, where he served with distinction, and for his other activities in the public service. A native of the State of New York, Mr. Otto has been a resident of Jersey City for more than thirty years, having removed with his parents to this city in his boyhood. He is a son of August and Elizabeth R. Otto, his father now deceased. They were the parents of five children, of whom three are now living, as follows: Frederick H., of further mention; Elsie M.; and Minnie R.

Frederick H. Otto was born February





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6, 1884, and the family coming to Jersey City in 1892, his elementary education was principally covered in the public schools of this city. He thereafter attended Drake's Business College, then entered the New York University School of Law, from which institution he was graduated in the class of 1908. After serving his clerkship, Mr. Otto was admitted to the bar in the June term of 1909, and at once entered upon the practice of his chosen profession. Following general lines of practice, he has been largely successful, and now maintains two offices, one at No. 90 Jackson avenue, and one at No. 76 Montgomery street, both in Jersey City. His natural ability as a speaker makes Mr. Otto an advocate of more than local note, and his profound knowledge of the law gives him a comprehensive grasp of every phase of a given case. His talent was some years ago sought for the activities of public life, and since his majority he has been a worker in the ranks of the Republican party. In 1908 he was elected to the State House of Representatives, where he served not only the interests of his constituency, but of the people generally. In 1910 he was elected to the Boulevard Commission, upon which he served for three years, his work in this connection contributing materially to the advance of the project. Mr. Otto is much in demand as a campaign speaker and worker, and is counted among the popular men of the day in this branch of public endeavor. The Otto residence is at No. 7 Monticello avenue, Jersey City.

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**WALDECK, Louis Edwin,**  
**Business Man.**

The life of Louis Edwin Waldeck is a record of eminent usefulness, and in his business activity he comes in touch with

many branches of present day advance, being a leading manufacturer of paper boxes in Jersey City, New Jersey. He stands at the head of the interest of which his father was the founder, the enterprise having now completed the thirty-seventh year of its history.

George Edward Waldeck, Mr. Waldeck's father, whose picture faces this article, was born in Germany, November 1, 1857, and came to the United States at the age of seventeen. Familiarizing himself by travel with many localities in America, he settled, about 1879, in New York City and took a position with the old Spooner Paper Box Factory, which has long since passed into history. When James Leo started in business in Jersey City, Mr. Waldeck entered his employ as a paper cutter and in a short time became foreman and was thus engaged until November, 1886, when he founded the present business. He continued at the head of the concern until his death, which occurred June 9, 1909. Mr. Waldeck was a man of large administrative ability and forward-looking spirit, and built well for the industrial advances of the city as well as for his own children. He was a man of warm sympathies and while himself a member of no church, neither church nor other worthy cause ever appealed to him in vain. Mr. Waldeck married Rosa Pauline Schmitt, who was born at Weehawken, New Jersey, January 3, 1859, and now survives him, residing in Florida. Their children number four, all now living, as follows: Louis Edwin, whose name entitles this review; Flora E., wife of Marshall J. Noble; Ralph Edward, vice-president of E. Waldeck & Company; and Stella S., wife of Lewis A. Belding.

Louis Edwin Waldeck was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, April 12, 1883. He attended the German-American School, on Sherman avenue, finishing his gram-

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mar school work at School No. 8, of this city, in 1898. He is a graduate of Stevens Preparatory School, class of 1901, and of Stevens Institute, class of 1905. His schooling finished, Mr. Waldeck put on overalls in his father's factory and worked his way through the various departments so that upon the death of his father, in 1909, he was ready to assume the conduct of the enterprise. In 1917 Edward Ralph, the younger brother, joined him and the business was incorporated, continuing under the same name that it was founded under. The brothers are proud to hold to the business principles and humanitarian ideals inculcated by the founder, their father.

Mr. Waldeck is a member of Bergen Lodge, No. 47, Free and Accepted Masons; Jersey City Lodge, No. 211, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and Tau Beta Pi fraternity. In 1919 he was elected a member of the International Rotary. He is a member of the Congregational church, in which society he has served as trustee and treasurer. For many years he has been active in both local and national associations of paper box manufacturers. Apparently without a hobby, Mr. Waldeck finds recreation in the variety of his interests, which include a family of which he is justly proud.

Louis Edwin Waldeck married, in Jersey City, on February 9, 1921, Dorothy Madeleine Robinson, who was born in Madison, New Jersey, a daughter of Edwin M. and Leila (Jones) Robinson. Mr. and Mrs. Waldeck have two children: John Edward, born November 29, 1921; and Dorothy Virginia, born February 27, 1923.

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**BIERI, Dr. Robert C., N.D., D.O.,**

**Specialist in Physical Therapy.**

As a specialist in Physical Therapy, Dr. Bieri has met with success during the

decade he has been in practice in West Hoboken, New Jersey. He is a graduate of Dr. Lust's Naturopathic Institute, of New York City, and spent some years under Dr. Benedict Lust, famous for the Kniepp cure. Dr. Bieri has had wide experience abroad and in New York. He is a Swiss by birth, living abroad until 1910, when his American life began. He is a son of Pierre and Rotaz (Ther) Bieri, his father born in France, his mother in Hungary, his father an official government wine tester.

Robert C. Bieri was born in Yverdon, Switzerland, November, 1868. His education, which was begun in private Swiss schools, was continued in Pestalozzi College and other educational institutions of Geneva, Switzerland, after which he spent four years in theological studies at Basel College. He then was called into the army, and for two years and three months served with the French in Algiers as a member of the Colonial Foreign Legion, ranking as a first-lieutenant of the ambulance corps. He was honorably discharged in Paris and later went to Russia. After army life, he studied medicine and was assistant to Professor Roussillon, a leading French hydropath. He continued his studies in Paris until 1910, then, after returning to Switzerland for a visit, he came to the United States.

Before coming to the United States, Dr. Bieri was assistant in the medical department of the London City Mission, there gaining valuable experience. In New York he studied under Dr. Benedict Lust for two and one-half years, and became a graduate Naturopath. After graduation from the Lust College of Naturopath, N.D., D.O., Dr. Bieri opened an office on Park avenue, New York City, but a few months later, in 1912, settled in West Hoboken, New Jersey.

Dr. Bieri had a further army experience of six months in the Swiss National

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army, serving in the ambulance department of the Mounted Artillery in 1891. For nine years he has been physical director for the Fidelity and Casualty Company, New York City, his twenty years' experience abroad and in the United States all having been along the line of physical therapy, in which he specializes in his West Hoboken practice. He is a member of the Naturopathic Association; member of the New Jersey Board of Drugless Practitioners; and is a lecturer at the American Naturopathic College, of New York City.

During the World War period, 1917-1918, Dr. Bieri rendered valuable service as committeeman for the Victory Loan, and as a patriotic platform speaker, he having made one-hundred and twenty-one speeches to West Hoboken audiences.

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### **KOHLMEYER, Henry,**

#### **Bank Official.**

Since 1910 Henry Kohlmeyer has been efficiently serving as treasurer of the Commonwealth Trust Company, of West Hoboken. He is well-known in fraternal circles, and is one of the well established business men of the city.

Born in Union Hill, New Jersey, July 22, 1870, Mr. Kohlmeyer is a son of Henry Kohlmeyer, a hotel proprietor, who was born in Germany, August 16, 1839, and of Mina Kohlmeyer, who was born in Germany, April 16, 1851. After receiving a good practical education in the public schools of Union Hill and of Hoboken, he became a student in Packard's Business College. When his business course was completed, he found employment with various concerns and in 1908 became associated with the Commonwealth Trust Company, of West Hoboken, serving as bookkeeper. After a time he was made assistant secretary and treasurer, and in

1910 he was elected treasurer of the company, which official position he has continued to hold to the present time (1923). During the thirteen years of his incumbency in that office he has devoted his energies to the advancement of the interests of the Commonwealth Trust Company, and has contributed a valuable share to the notably successful development of that institution. He is also a member of its board of directors. Politically he gives his support to the Democratic party. He is well-known in fraternal circles, being a member of Tilden Lodge, No. 183, Free and Accepted Masons, of Dumont, New Jersey; and of Union Hill Lodge, No. 1357, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is also a member of the Rotary Club, of Weehawken. His religious connection is with the Lutheran church.

On June 23, 1921, at Asbury Park, New Jersey, Henry Kohlmeyer married Mollie Badgely.

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### **STURM, Max A., LL. B.,**

#### **Lawyer.**

One of the broadly successful legal practitioners of Jersey City, New Jersey, is Max A. Sturm, whose offices are located at No. 1133 Summit avenue. A man of progressive spirit and quietly effective action, he bears a part in all endeavors for the public good and is well-known in the advance of civic affairs. A native of New York City, he is a son of Otto J. and Sophie (Conran) Sturm.

Mr. Sturm was born May 12, 1881, and was only an infant when the family removed to Jersey City. His education was begun in the Union Hill Grammar School, and he is a graduate of the Union Hill High School, class of 1898. He later attended Eagan's Business College, of Hoboken, New Jersey, then entered the em-



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ploy of the widely prominent law firm of McEwan & McEwan. He was affiliated with this firm for a period of thirteen years, during which he acquired his professional education. Entering the New York University School of Law, he was graduated from that institution in the class of 1905, then, during the following scholastic year, followed a special post-graduate course in law. He was admitted to the bar of New Jersey in November, 1905, as attorney, and three years later was admitted as counsellor. Meanwhile, in 1906, Mr. Sturm formed a partnership with George J. McEwan, of the firm of McEwan & McEwan, and with offices at No. 491 Central avenue they engaged in a general law practice. In 1908 they removed to West Hoboken, where they remained until the year 1912, when Mr. Sturm withdrew from his long affiliation with the McEwans. At that time he took up the independent practice of law at his present location. The trend of his practice had for some years been in the direction of equity and corporation law, and he has since followed this general line of advance with noteworthy success. His work in this field is counting definitely for progress in the commercial and industrial activities of Jersey City and the outlying districts over the extensive territory from which Mr. Sturm is sought. He now stands in the position of an authority on his special lines of practice. For many years Mr. Sturm has been a loyal supporter of the Democratic party and a leading worker in the party organizations of the Twelfth Ward. Although he has never thus far accepted political honors, he is a popular member of the Twelfth Ward Democratic Club.

Mr. Sturm married Julia Schedler, of Jersey City, and they reside at No. 30 Sherman place.

### **McLAUGHLIN, Edward F. C.,**

#### **Real Estate Operator.**

In the business career of Edward F. C. McLaughlin, of Hoboken, New Jersey, several factors which have made his success are combined. He is an ambitious business man, possessing acumen above the average, and reflects credit not only upon himself but upon his father, who was one of the leading and influential men of Hoboken. Mr. McLaughlin was born May 26, 1895, in Jersey City, New Jersey, son of Dennis and Theresa (Stack) McLaughlin. The former was a native of Ireland, coming to America when a boy, and for many years residing in Jersey City, where he was honored on more than one occasion by his fellow-citizens for his public spirit and interest in affairs. For a number of years he was State leader of the Democratic party. His business hours were taken up in the real estate business, but this did not prevent him from being active in public office. For several terms Mr. McLaughlin ably held the office of county clerk, and was chosen by his constituents to represent them in the General Assembly of New Jersey.

The education of Edward F. C. McLaughlin was obtained in the public schools and high school of Hoboken, and he prepared for college at the Stevens Preparatory School, following which he attended Fordham Law School for two years. The death of his father made it necessary for him to assume the responsibility of handling the estate, and in 1914 the son engaged in the real estate business, carrying on the work established by his father. For eight years he has been thus engaged, and during this time has succeeded in attaining a position of esteem among his fellow business men; he





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is administrator of the estate of his father, and like him is actively identified with the Democratic party. He is a member of the firm of Stack, McLaughlin & Stack. In fraternal circles Mr. McLaughlin can be found actively interested; he is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 211, of Jersey City, and is identified with several civic organizations of Hoboken.

On April 27, 1920, Mr. McLaughlin married, at Brooklyn, New York, Katherine Drummond, daughter of Louis Drummond, and they are the parents of a son, Edward, born in Jersey City. With his family, he attends the Catholic church at Jersey City, and in the support of its charities he is a willing contributor.

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### McEWAN, George John,

#### Lawyer.

While Mr. McEwan is a native son of the Empire State, his parents, Thomas and Hannah (Ledget) McEwan, moved to Manchester, New Jersey, (now Lakewood) when Thomas McEwan was employed in the shops of the old New Jersey Southern railroad. Jersey City later became the family home and in West Hoboken George J. McEwan has grown in professional and business prominence. He is a member of the legal profession, and has been admitted to both the New York and New Jersey bars, his law offices being in the Highland Trust Company building. He is held in high esteem in the community of which he has long been a part and he has borne a part in the great advance made by that community.

George J. McEwan, son of Thomas and Hannah (Ledget) McEwan, was born at Piermont, Rockland county, New York, January 16, 1862. Manchester, Ocean county, New Jersey, became the family home during his boyhood, and

there he attended the grade schools, later advancing through grammar and high school courses in Jersey City, there completing preparatory study. He further pursued literary class study at Cooper Union, New York City, Young Men's Christian Association classes, and New York University Law School. He did not then complete his law course but chose instead, a business career, his first connection being with the hardware firm, Peter Duryee & Company, at No. 215 Greenwich street, New York City. He spent five years with that firm, serving in all capacities from errand boy to salesman. He terminated his connection in September, 1884, and returned to the law school of New York University, whence he was graduated, and in January, 1886, was admitted to the New York bar. In June, 1887, he was admitted to the New Jersey bar as an attorney, later as a counsellor, and is now a special master in the Court of Chancery. He has steadily pursued professional practice in Hudson county, was attorney to the North Bergen School Board 1896-97, and town attorney of West Hoboken 1911-13-14, where he resided at No. 421 High street, West Hoboken.

In addition to professional eminence Mr. McEwan has acquired important business interests. He was one of the founders of the Highland Trust Company, of West Hoboken, New Jersey, in 1904, and since its organization he has served as a director and member of the executive committee, being now vice-president. He is also president of the Courtland Building and Loan Association, of West Hoboken. In politics he is independent, and in 1893-94 he served the Second Ward of West Hoboken as councilman. He is president of the Lions' Club of West Hoboken; member of the Lincoln Association, and the Roosevelt Associa-

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tion, of Jersey City; president of the Hudson County Consolidation League; Euclid Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Cyrus Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Pilgrim Commandery, Knights Templar; New York Consistory, thirty-second degree; Salaam Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Cartaret Club of Jersey City; member of the Hudson County Bar Association, and president in 1912. He was formerly an elder of the First Presbyterian Church, of West Hoboken, but is now a member of the First Presbyterian Church, of New York.

George J. McEwan married, in the First Presbyterian Church, West Hoboken, April 3, 1888, Miriam Anna Spring, daughter of Andrew and Susanna M. (Culter) Spring. Mr. and Mrs. McEwan are the parents of three children: Thomas Spring, born, April 1, 1889; Miriam Edith, born April 4, 1895; and Ruther Culter, born November 29, 1900.

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### **McGRATH, Patrick J.,**

#### **Public Official.**

In one of the most important departments of the municipal administration of Jersey City, Patrick J. McGrath is demonstrating first the possibility of cleanliness and neatness on a large scale, and second his personal ability and efficiency in bringing about and preserving this admirable state of things. For in connection with the street cleaning department of Jersey City Mr. McGrath has made and is continuing to uphold a record for the city of which the people may well be proud. A native of Ireland, Mr. McGrath is a son of Terrance and Ann (Kiernan) McGrath, who were both born in Ireland and both died there, having never left their native land.

Patrick J. McGrath was born in County Cavan, Ireland, March 17, 1865. He received a limited, but practical, education

in the national schools of that country, and when about seventeen years of age came to America alone. For a time he resided in Boston, Massachusetts, and was employed in a tannery, but a few months after his arrival on this side he came to Jersey City, New Jersey, where he settled permanently. Variouslly employed for several months here, he then secured a position in a grocery store, and finally for ten years followed this general line of activity. He then entered the employ of Henry Burns, who at that time contracted the street cleaning work of Jersey City, and for sixteen years Mr. McGrath continued with him. In 1906, when the city took over the care of the streets under municipal management, Mr. McGrath was made assistant superintendent of the street cleaning department. In July, 1914, when the commission form of government was adopted, he was made superintendent of the same department. In the years which have since passed Mr. McGrath has brought about great changes, both in the management of the department's work, and in its effectiveness throughout the city. When he took over the duties of superintendent of the department, its headquarters, at the corner of Montgomery and Mercer streets, was simply a bare dumping ground. Under Mr. McGrath's efficient and energetic management the spot has been transformed. He has constructed a full complement of buildings, comprising office and structures for the care, repair and storage of the equipment of the department. This equipment includes thoroughly modern machinery and vehicles for the sweeping and washing of the streets, and so forth, in fact some device for meeting efficiently and promptly every exigency of every thoroughfare in a busy present-day city. In short, Mr. McGrath has brought the street cleaning department to the same level of efficiency



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and usefulness with which the other departments of the municipal government are administered. Mr. McGrath has proved himself a thorough and far-sighted official, applying to his work the most approved business principles, standing always in readiness to meet any emergency wisely and with the greatest possible dispatch. The conditions of the streets of the city well attest his painstaking thoroughness and his comprehensive command of the problems which in a city of this size, with constant heavy traffic, are ever recurring for solution. Mr. McGrath has placed this department in its rightful position in the economics of the municipality, and he commands the esteem and confidence of all his contemporaries in the public service.

A loyal Democrat by political affiliation, Mr. McGrath is a worker in the ranks of the party, and is a member of the Davis Democratic Club. A member of All Saints Roman Catholic Church, he is a leading member of the Holy Name Society of the church, also its secretary, and is a member of the Sacred Heart League.

Mr. McGrath married, November 6, 1884, Alice Cullen, and their living children are: Edward, who served in the World War, but was not sent across; Patrick, a veteran of the World War, who served overseas; Joseph, who also served overseas in the recent war; Leo; Francis; and Vincent. Five children are deceased: Simon; Anna; Alice; James; and Robert. Mrs. McGrath died October 2, 1913. She was a woman of beautiful spirit, loved and esteemed by all who knew her. The family home is at No. 267 Pacific avenue, Jersey City.

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### HAGAN, Saddie (Post),

#### **Business Woman.**

One of the successful builders of Hudson county is Mrs. Saddle (Post) Hagan,

of Secaucus, New Jersey, who since 1876 has been engaged in building dwelling houses, and who is also engaged in the furniture business in Hoboken, New Jersey.

Saddie (Post) Hagan was born in Secaucus, New Jersey, in 1855, daughter of Cornelius and Eunice (Sturges) Post, and granddaughter of the late Judge John Sturges, who was very active in the public affairs of Hudson county. It was Judge John Sturges who built the first "poor house" at Snake Hill, and for fifteen years he served as judge. On the paternal side, Mrs. Hagan is a descendant in the seventh generation of General Post, who came from Holland to this country and won renown in the Indian wars, and she is also a granddaughter of General Demott, an intimate friend of George Washington, who came with Lafayette to fight in the Revolutionary War. After receiving a good practical education in the public schools of Secaucus and of Homestead, New Jersey, she married and settled in Secaucus, and three years later, when she was twenty years of age, she built her first house there. Since then she has built thirteen houses in her native town and is now (1923) erecting another. Mrs. Hagan has most successfully demonstrated the fact that it is possible for a woman to rear a family and also achieve a successful business career. Mrs. Hagan's success has not been limited to her building operations. These do not represent the sum of her business activities. In 1901 she purchased the store property located at the corner of Bloomfield and Newark streets, where until 1914 Mr. Appel conducted a prosperous furniture business. Mr. Appel died in 1914, and Mrs. Hagan promptly took over the furniture business. She secured a partner, A. M. Brandt, son of Captain A. Brandt, who served with the 3rd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers, in the Civil War, and



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since that time has retained her interest in the concern. Mrs. Hagan has in her possession many relics of bygone days, including an old-fashioned mirror, which was in the home of her grandfather, General Demott, in North Bergen, where George Washington passed many nights and often dined with his comrade. She also has an old news publication containing articles concerning the death of George Washington.

With all these business responsibilities Mrs. Hagan was the mother of six children, two deceased and four living, and besides her own children she has reared and educated thirteen others. She has also found time for interest in civic affairs. She is a champion of just, truthful, and honest government, and votes independently, and has always given active support to projects for the advancement of the public welfare. In church work, too, she takes an active part. She attends the Dutch Reformed church of Secaucus, in connection with which she has organized three societies, including the Ladies' Aid, which for eight years she served as president. She has many friends in Secaucus and vicinity, and has won the esteem of all.

On May 14, 1873, at Homestead, New Jersey, William Hagan, mayor of Secaucus, and Saddle Post were married.

William Hagan is a son of Edward Hagan, a native of Ireland, and the inventor of the first elevator used in this country, and of Arabella (Crummey) Hagan, also a native of Ireland. He is a native of New York City, where he was born September 18, 1855. During the Civil War his father, Edward Hagan, who was a very wealthy man, settled in Secaucus and purchased the major part of what is now Laurel Hill, as well as a large acreage along county avenue, Secaucus. Mr. Hagan is a graduate of

Forest and Quackenbush College, of New York, with doctor's degree, and has conducted a drug store for some time. He has been school trustee in Secaucus for a number of years, and a justice of the peace in North Bergen for twenty years, as well as a township committeeman for years. Through Mr. Hagan's efforts with the coöperation of the late Jacob Huber, first mayor of Secaucus, and Albert Born, the First Reformed church of Secaucus was erected. He planned and advocated the erection of the present municipal building of Secaucus, at the time when he was chief executive of that town, succeeding Jacob Huber, the first mayor of Secaucus. Under his administration as second mayor, the town enjoyed the greatest prosperity ever recorded in the history of that municipality, and when his term expired, a large sum of money was left in the town treasury. He is now living in retirement, at the age of eighty-one years. On May 14, 1923, Mr. and Mrs. Hagan celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. They are the parents of six children, five of whom are living: William, Jr.; Franklin; Eugene Post; Grace, who married a Mr. Martin; and Cornelius, a noted physician of Brooklyn, New York.

### OLERI, Frank John,

**Surveyor, Engineer.**

The town of West New York, New Jersey, is fortunate in having as its engineer and surveyor a man so well equipped for his work as is Frank John Oleri. Mr. Oleri is a university man, holding two engineering degrees from New York University, and in addition to excellent technical preparation, has had valuable experience in New York City subway construction and in government work in the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

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Mr. Oleri was born in New York City, December 8, 1891, and is a son of John and Josephine (Barbieri) Oleri, who came to this country about thirty-five years ago, the first mentioned of whom is still actively engaged in business as a contractor. Frank John Oleri received his early education in the public schools of New York City, and after completing the course in Townsend Harris Hall High School, matriculated in the engineering department of New York University, from which he received the degree Bachelor of Science in civil engineering in 1915, and the degree of Civil Engineer in 1916. He found his first professional employment with the Public Service Commission of New York City, engaged in work on the Seventh avenue subway in 1916, and later was connected with government work in the Brooklyn Navy Yard for about two years. In 1912 he removed to West New York, New Jersey, and since that time he has been actively identified with the promotion of the public welfare of that community. As town engineer and surveyor, he is rendering most efficient service, and he is also a member of the Zoning Commission, and secretary of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Oleri's ability is fully recognized in West New York, and he has a host of personal friends. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and of the Municipal Engineers of New York City. Fraternally he is affiliated with Lodge No. 1357, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Union Hill, New Jersey. He is also a member of the Lions Club, of West New York, and his religious affiliation is with St. Joseph's of Palisades, in West New York.

On October 18, 1916, Frank John Oleri married Mary Molesphine, and they are the parents of two children: Evelyn May, born May 3, 1918; and Frank John, Jr., born September 21, 1919.

## KELTS, Lee L.,

### Business Man.

Mr. Kelts is well known in his city as treasurer of the Jersey City Storage Company, one of the leading concerns in their field in Hudson county, New Jersey. A practical man with excellent training and long experience, Mr. Kelts has charge of the inside work of the concern and has directed it along lines of substantial service to the community.

Lee L. Kelts was born at Westfield, Pennsylvania, October 30, 1882, and is a son of Charles and Catherine (Leonard) Kelts. His early education was acquired in the public schools of his birthplace and New York City, and he prepared for his career with a technical course at Columbia College, in New York City. Taking up electrical activities immediately following the completion of his education, he has since devoted his attention wholly to this line of endeavor. During the World War Mr. Kelts was employed with the Dynamic Electrical Company, of Bayonne, this company engaged in the execution of contracts for electrical motors for the government. A thorough mechanic, with an exhaustive familiarity with the field in which he is engaged, Mr. Kelts has contributed generously to the success of the Jersey City Storage Company, organized in 1919, which is a leader in its line of activity. The company are agents for the Philadelphia Diamond Grid Batteries and specialize in the recharging and repairing of batteries and electrical work in automobiles. Mr. Kelts has few interests outside of his work, but endorses all progress, and lends his influence to any movement which has for its object the general advance or the public good.

Mr. Kelts married, in 1905, Etta B. Kratz, who was born at North Branch, Sullivan county, New York, and they



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are the parents of five children: Howard Lee, Kathryn, Elizabeth, Jack Stewart and Thomas Edward. The family home is at No. 509 Garfield avenue, Jersey City.

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### ORLANDO, James,

#### Realtor.

Well known among the successful realtors of West New York, New Jersey, is James Orlando, who during the past four years has built up a prosperous business which is still rapidly growing. Mr. Orlando has a large following among his compatriots in the community, and is held in high esteem both among his business associates and among his numerous friends.

Dominico Orlando, father of James Orlando, is a native of Salerno, Italy, but for the past twenty years has been a resident of West New York, New Jersey, where he is still (1923) actively engaged in the building and contracting business. He married Anna Cesare, and they reside in West New York.

James Orlando, son of Dominico and Anna (Cesare) Orlando, was born in Salerno, Italy, October 24, 1891, and was brought to this country by his parents in 1892. The family settled in New York City, remaining for the first nine years, and in the public schools of that city James Orlando received his earliest education. In 1900, when the lad was nine years of age, the parents removed to West New York, New Jersey, where the boy continued his studies in the public school. Later he was a student in the New York Preparatory School, then located at No. 15 West Forty-third street, and when his course in that school was completed, he finished his preparation for an active career by taking a course in Eagan's Business School in Hoboken. He began his active career in association with his father, who was engaged

in the building business, and that connection he maintained for about two years. At the end of that time, in August, 1919, he opened an office at No. 466 Bergenline avenue, West New York, and engaged in the real estate business for himself. He began dealing in real estate while still associated with his father in the building business, but his independent enterprise grew rapidly, and at the present time (1923) it occupies his entire time. He is a stockholder in the West New York Trust Company.

During the World War Mr. Orlando served in the quartermaster's department at Camp Merritt as morale officer, taking charge of the entertainment for the men, and his own specialty being character songs. He gives active support to the Democratic party, and is standard bearer in the James Orlando Association, which ranks as a Democratic club. He is a member of Union Hill Lodge, No. 1357, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and his religious connection is with the Church of Madonna Della Libera, of West New York.

On September 5, 1920, in the Church of Madonna Della Libera, of West New York, James Orlando married Rose Montemurra, daughter of Vincent and Micheline (Lendina) Montemurra. Mr. and Mrs. Orlando have no children.

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### WAGNER, Andrew,

#### Business Man.

For more than forty years Andrew Wagner has been associated with the interests of the Ferguson Brothers Manufacturing Company. He is a stockholder and director of the company. Mr. Wagner was born in Germany, January 18, 1855, son of Andrew and Barbara Wagner, both natives of Germany, the former a wood turner by trade.

Andrew Wagner received his education





Gas. Orlando



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in the public schools of his native district in Germany and then came to this country, where, in 1880, he entered the employ of the Ferguson Manufacturing Company, whose plant was then located at No. 9 Baxter street, New York. When that concern removed to Hoboken, New Jersey, he accompanied them to the new location, and since that time has been continuously in their employ. Through various promotions he has risen to the responsible position of superintendent of the entire plant, and for many years now has been rendering efficient service in that capacity. Mr. Wagner has not only won the entire confidence of his employers, but he is also popular and highly esteemed among those over whom he has charge. He is a member of the Hoboken Chamber of Commerce, and politically casts his vote independently.

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### **FUGAZZI, Gaudenzio F.,**

#### **Realty Operator.**

A native of this city and a man who throughout his life has been prominently identified with the development and up-building of this section of Hudson county, New Jersey, Gaudenzio F. Fugazzi, who, as was his father before him, is a well known realty operator. Mr. Fugazzi's parents were Louis Fugazzi, whose death occurred in 1917, and Charlotte (Repetti) Fugazzi, who survives her husband.

Gaudenzio F. Fugazzi was born at Hoboken on July 17, 1889, and was educated through the medium of the public schools, and a course at Stevens Preparatory School, from which he graduated with the class of 1908. His student days ended, Mr. Fugazzi immediately entered the business world and secured his first position as a clerk in the offices of the Jefferson Trust Company, remaining with the firm for nearly a year. In 1910 he joined his father in the conduct of his

real estate and insurance business, which the elder Mr. Fugazzi had established here in 1900. This line of endeavor proved to be both profitable and congenial, and in 1916 Mr. Fugazzi was taken into full partnership by his father. A year later the father passed away, and shortly afterward another son, Salvatore, who was a State auctioneer, was taken into partnership, and the two brothers have, since 1918, been carrying on the business with increasing success.

Not only as an influential business factor, but also as a representative citizen is Mr. Fugazzi well known, and in whatever field of endeavor he has had a part he has filled a position of leadership. In his political affiliation he is of the Democratic party, and has filled official positions at various times. He has been a commissioner of general assessments of Hoboken, and in April, 1922, was appointed a member of the Zoning Commission. Among the social organizations in which he is prominent may be mentioned the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, at Hoboken, of which he has been an esteemed leading knight and esteemed loyal knight; Court Harmony, Order of Foresters, of which he is loyal assistant; and the Knights of Columbus, in which he is an active and efficient worker. In religion Mr. Fugazzi is a devout member of St. Francis' Roman Catholic Church.

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### **ANZANO, Ralph,**

#### **Pharmacist.**

Since 1919 Ralph Anzano has been successfully engaged in the drug business in the city of Weehawken, and he is now the proprietor of a first-class pharmaceutical establishment which supplies the needs of a steadily increasing patronage.

Mr. Anzano is one of the many worthy citizens who have come to this country from Italy. Born in St. Agata De Pug-



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lea, June 27, 1887, he is a son of Octavius Anzano, now deceased, who served for seven years in the Italian army, and from 1863 to 1865 was engaged in agricultural work in Italy, and of Lucia (Morese) Anzano, who is now living in West Hoboken.

The early education of Ralph Anzano was received in his native land, where he attended the public elementary and high schools, but in 1903, when he was a lad of fifteen years, he came to this country, and it was here that his education was completed. After preparing for college in the Harlem Preparatory School, he became a student in Valparaiso University, where he completed a general course. In 1911 he removed to New York City, where he found employment in a pharmaceutical concern. Four years later, in 1915, he entered the College of Jersey City, from which he was graduated as a pharmacist in 1918. Upon the completion of his pharmaceutical course he enlarged his practical experience by one year spent in the employ of Mr. Franck, proprietor of a pharmacy at Union Hill, New Jersey, and one year in the employ of Harry Biskoff in Weehawken, New Jersey. In 1919 he purchased the business of Joseph Anrig, druggist, of West Hoboken, New Jersey, and since that time has been successfully engaged in developing that enterprise. His thorough knowledge of his business and his sound business methods are bringing him an extensive patronage, and his establishment is recognized as one of the first-class concerns of its kind in the city. Politically Mr. Anzano has been especially active. He casts his vote independently and gives his support to all measures which he considers to be wisely planned for the public good, irrespective of political organization. He is a member of the North Hudson Pharmaceutical Association and of the State Pharmaceutical Association.

His fraternal affiliation is with the Knights of Columbus, of Weehawken, and his religious affiliation is with the Catholic church of West Hoboken.

On August 10, 1916, at Union Hill, New Jersey, Ralph Anzano married Concettina DeRiso, daughter of Mauro DeRiso, who is engaged in business as a contractor, and of Victoria DeRiso, both of whom are living. Mr. and Mrs. Anzano are the parents of one son, Octavius, born September 5, 1917.

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### FALCONE, Michele,

#### Business Man.

A native of Italy, where he lived until 1906, Mr. Falcone has established himself with a large concern doing an importing and exporting business in drugs, and won considerable success in real estate and insurance business in Hoboken, where he now resides. His father, Frank Falcone, living in retirement at West Orange, New Jersey, was president of a bank in Italy for a period of twenty years. The mother, Louise (Alliagro) Falcone, is deceased.

Michele Falcone was born in Padula, Italy, June 24, 1882, and educated in the public schools there and at Salerno College, from which he graduated in 1902. Later he secured employment as a telegraph operator, remaining at that work until coming to America in June, 1906. From 1908 to 1910 he conducted a steamship agency in Newark, New Jersey, known as the Fera and Falcone Company, then moved to Hoboken and opened a real estate and insurance office in 1917, also a steamship agency which is now located on Fifth street, Hoboken. At the present time he is engaged as secretary for the Importing and Exporting Company, Incorporated, of Providence, Rhode Island, which concern handles wholesale drugs and medicinal products, in which





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he is also a stockholder. He is politically a Democrat. For two years he served as an infantryman in the Italian Army. He is affiliated with Roma Intangibila Lodge, No. 115, in Hoboken, and the Italian-American Club. In religion he is a Roman Catholic.

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### DALY, John C.,

#### Florist.

When you are looking for good, healthy reliable plants or for beauty and fragrance of bloom, a visit to the floral establishment of John C. Daly at No. 1510 Hackensack plank road, North Bergen, will be worth your while. Mr. Daly is a florist and the son of a florist. His entire life has been passed among growing plants and budding blooms, and he is an expert in his line.

Born in Fairview, Bergen county, New Jersey, August 23, 1875, Mr. Daly is a son of Pierce Daly, who established and, to the time of his death, conducted the floral business now owned and managed by his son, and of Ellen (Morris) Daly. When he was three years of age he removed with his parents to North Bergen, and in the public and parochial schools of that city his early and preparatory education was received. He then became a student in Cooper Union, where he continued his studies for a period of two years. He had from boyhood assisted his father in the greenhouses during vacations, and when his course at the Institute was completed he at once entered the employ of his father. That connection he maintained until the death of his father in 1900, when he took over the business, first under the name of Daly Brothers, but later he purchased his brothers' interests and he is now sole owner and proprietor of the establishment, which is conducted under the name of John C. Daly. Mr. Daly's thorough

knowledge of the business and his long experience enables him to give most satisfactory service to his patrons, and his establishment is widely known as one of the first class concerns of its kind in the county. Politically Mr. Daly gives support to the principles and the candidates of the Democratic party, and he finds time to bear his share of the burden of local public office. He has served as a member of the School Board for two terms, and in November, 1921, was elected to serve as a member of the Democratic Township Committee for the term of 1922-23. He is a member of Palisade Council, Knights of Columbus, of Union Hill, New Jersey; and of Union Hill Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His religious affiliation is with St. Bridget's Roman Catholic Church.

On September 29, 1903, in New York City, John C. Daly married Margaret E. McCarthy, daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (McCarthy) McCarthy. Mr. and Mrs. Daly have a son, John McCarthy Daly.

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### STILZ, Joseph,

#### Real Estate Operator, Public Official.

Since 1907 Joseph Stilz has been successfully engaged in the real estate business in Hudson county, New Jersey, where he has bought and sold a large amount of real property. His offices, located at No. 687 Bergenline avenue, carry a large volume of business which has steadily increased. Mr. Stilz is a son of Ed. Peter and Elizabeth (Oberst) Stilz, the former of whom was for many years engaged in the wholesale florist supply business in West New York, New Jersey, doing business over the entire United States.

Born in Paterson, New Jersey, February 4, 1878, Joseph Stilz received his early education in public and private

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schools and completed his studies with graduation from Union High School. Until 1907 he was his father's assistant in the wholesale florist business, but in that year he made a change and engaged in the real estate business, opening an office at the corner of Seventeenth street and Bergenline avenue. In 1912 he removed to his present location at No. 687 Bergenline avenue. His business acumen and his keen perception of the possibilities of increasing real estate values have won him an enviable reputation as a realtor and have brought to him many patrons. In addition to his responsibilities in connection with his prosperous real estate concern, Mr. Stilz is also a member of the board of directors of the Weehawken Trust Company. He gives his support to the Democratic party, and has always been active in local, public affairs. He served as treasurer of the town of West New York from January 1, 1908, to March 1, 1914; and has for several years been a member of the Board of Education, serving on that board from March, 1910, to February 1, 1917, and as president from February 1, 1913, to February, 1917. On January 1, 1918, his fellow-citizens gave evidence of their confidence in his ability and his integrity by electing him to serve as mayor of the town, which important executive and official office he efficiently filled until January 1, 1921. He is always ready to give his support to projects which seem to him to be well planned for the advancement of the general welfare, and is recognized as one of the progressive and able citizens of the town of West New York. During the period of the participation of the United States in the World War he served as chairman of the committee which managed the second, third, fourth, and fifth loan drives, a member and chairman of the Council of Defense, and chairman of the Red Cross Roll Call Drive in

1918 and again in 1919. Fraternally he is affiliated with Lodge No. 1357, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and he is a member of the Empire Club.

At Jersey City, New Jersey, August 31, 1913, Joseph Stilz married Agatha C. Grim, daughter of Charles and Catherine (Quatlander) Grim, and they are the parents of two children: Agatha Elizabeth, born July 29, 1916; and Catherine Anita, born September 18, 1917.

### CUNTZ, John Henry,

**Expert in Scientific Work, Inventor.**

Among the men of distinguished scientific achievement in Hudson county is John Henry Cuntz, of Hoboken, who, after completing his preparatory studies received a thorough scientific education in two of the best technical institutions in the country, and has since won distinction in electrical experimental work, in scientific research, and in the field of invention. He was also one of the members of the famous Parker-Browne Expedition, which explored the Mt. McKinley region of Alaska in 1910.

Mr. Cuntz probably inherits his scientific interest and ability from his mother and his maternal grandfather, William Cooper, a well known naturalist, who resided in Hudson county for many years and for whom "Cooper's hawk" and other birds were named. Emil A. H. Cuntz, the father of John H. Cuntz, was engaged in business as a merchant. He married Frances Cooper, daughter of William Cooper, the naturalist.

Mr. Cuntz was born in Hoboken, New Jersey, and after completing the course in the Hoboken Academy, entered the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York, from which he was graduated in 1886 with the degree of Civil Engineer. He then entered the senior class at Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken.



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New Jersey, and graduated from that institution in June of the following year, receiving the degree of Mechanical Engineer. Later he still further added to his equipment by taking post-graduate courses in economics, etc., in Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut. Since the completion of his technical training he has been actively engaged in professional scientific work. He assisted in the topographical survey of the Croton watershed and in the hydrographical survey of New York harbor; has been engaged in electrical experimental work in Edison's laboratory at West Orange, New Jersey; has demonstrated his ability as an instructor in Stevens Institute of Technology; and has rendered service in the editorial field as a member of the staff of the "Engineering Magazine," the "Engineering Index," and the "Stevens Indicator." He has been extensively engaged in scientific research and in patent expert work; and in addition to the numerous activities already named is the inventor of devices for the increase of efficiency of long distance telephone and telegraph cables, radio telegraphy, electric logs, submarine detectors, etc. In 1910 Mr. Cuntz was a member of the Parker-Browne Expedition, on which he made topographical surveys of the region surrounding Mt. McKinley in Alaska. Mr. Cuntz's thorough technical preparation, together with his large native ability, have made him an expert in his line, and he is an enthusiast in the field of scientific research. He has always taken an active interest in educational affairs in the community in which he lives, and is now serving as a member of the Board of Trustees for Industrial Education in the city of Hoboken.

During the Spanish-American War, 1898-99, he served as an ensign in the United States navy; and during the period of the participation of the United

States in the World War, 1917-1919, he served as captain in the Signal Corps, United States army. He is held in high esteem among his professional associates, and has a host of friends in Hudson county. He is a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, the Institute of Radio Engineers, the National Geographic Society, the Explorers' Club, the American Alpine Club, the Appalachian Mountain Club, the Fresh Air Club, and the Union Club of Hoboken. He is also a member of the Rensselaer Alumni Association, the Stevens Alumni Association, which he served for four years as secretary, and for one year as president; and the Hoboken Academy Alumni Association, which he served for several years as president. His religious affiliation is with St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, of Hoboken, which he serves as warden.

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### HILLAS, Robert,

#### Lawyer.

A leading figure in professional circles in Jersey City, New Jersey, Robert Hillas has attained his present influential and successful position wholly by his own efforts, and the trend of his activities is such as to contribute in a marked degree to the welfare of the people and the progress of the civic body.

Robert Hillas was born in New York City, September 19, 1879, and is a son of William and Katherine Hillas, of West Hoboken, New Jersey. Mr. Hillas came to West Hoboken with his parents at the age of one year, and has ever since made that place his home, with the exception of about seven years, during which period he resided in Jersey City, New Jersey, and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

As a boy Mr. Hillas attended the public schools of West Hoboken, graduating at



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the age of seventeen years. His interest in the business world led him, at an early age, to secure such employment as he could handle outside of school hours, and immediately after graduation he entered the employ of H. B. Clafin, the nationally known dry goods merchant, at Church and Worth streets, New York City, and was active in this connection for about six years. His marked ability at figures and bookkeeping during this period placed him in an enviable position among men of high standing in the professions of bookkeeping and accounting. At the age of twenty-three years, Mr. Hillas accepted a position as accountant and bookkeeper with the Pittsburgh Dry Goods Company of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, but after about a year here, owing to illness of his wife, due to climatic conditions there, he left the employ of said company. Returning to West Hoboken, he again associated himself with the H. B. Clafin interests. Shortly thereafter he decided to study law, and took up his studies for the regents examinations at the evening classes of the Young Men's Christian Association (Twenty-third street branch), New York City. Having successfully passed his regents, Mr. Hillas entered the New York Law School in 1907 and was graduated from said college in 1910. He immediately thereafter identified himself with the law offices of McEwan & McEwan, of West Hoboken, in the capacity of clerk. Passing the New Jersey State bar examinations in June, 1911, Mr. Hillas took up the practice of his chosen profession within the year, in partnership with Lewis B. Eastmead under the firm name of Hillas & Eastmead. These young men established their office at No. 491 Central avenue, Jersey City, but after a year the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Hillas has since continued independently. He has won an enviable position among his con-

temporaries of the law, and is counted among the leaders of the profession in Jersey City and throughout Hudson county. He makes a specialty of real estate and divorce law, and has attained the position of an authority in these realms.

Mr. Hillas is a member of the Hudson County Bar Association and the North Hudson Lawyers' Club. Fraternally Mr. Hillas is a thirty-second degree Mason, being affiliated with Doric Lodge, No. 86, Free and Accepted Masons, and the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Jersey City. He is also a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. He takes a deep interest in all endeavors for the civic advance and the general welfare, and during the World War assisted in all the bond drives. A Republican by political affiliation, he gives his best efforts to the progress of the party, but has never thus far accepted honors of any kind, preferring to bear his part as a citizen only. He is a well known member of the Lincoln Republican Club. His religious connection is with the Palisades Methodist Episcopal Church, of Jersey City, of which he is treasurer, and also serves on the official board.

Mr. Hillas married, January 6, 1902, Annie Steinberg, daughter of Herman Steinberg, at West Hoboken, and they have one son, Howard Leroy Hillas, who is now a student at Cornell College, Ithaca, New York.

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### STEEL, George E.,

**Business Executive.**

The R. H. H. Steel Laundry, of Jersey City, New Jersey, of which George E. Steel is president, is the outgrowth of the ship laundry business established in New York City by Harriett Steel in 1832, and later carried on by her son, Richard H. H. Steel, who moved the plant to Jersey City

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in 1859. After his death in 1911, George E. Steel, his son, became the active head of the corporation, as president and treasurer. Thus three generations of the family have been concerned in the founding, development and present management of the R. H. H. Steel Laundry, the largest strictly flat-work laundry in existence today, whose plant now occupies a full city block, its clients being exclusively steamship and transportation companies.

Harriett Steel emigrated from England to the United States in 1831 and settled in New York City. Shortly after taking up her residence in New York, she learned through her husband, whose business brought him in contact with the ships arriving in this port, that the officers of the ships had great difficulty in having the ship's linen laundered, so she arranged with the different companies to do the laundry work of their ships while in this port. At this time, 1832, a commercial laundry was unknown, and during the very early part of her new enterprise, the work was done in her own home, but soon the volume of work grew to such an extent that it was impossible to continue doing it at home, and she found it necessary to occupy an entire building in which to house her growing laundry business. This she did, and at first located at Seventieth street and Fifth avenue, New York City. The business was now being conducted on a much larger scale, and the laundry plant was later moved to Seventieth street and Bloomingdale road, now Broadway, in order to get more room. At this time all the work was done by hand and employees were hired by the month, boarded and lodged by the employer.

In 1847 Richard H. H. Steel became associated in the business with his mother, Harriett Steel, and continued until her retirement, at which time he assumed full management of the business, which was

continued along its original lines until 1859, when he moved to what is now Oakwood avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey, where it still remains. In 1896 the plant was totally destroyed by fire, and then the old-fashioned frame buildings were replaced by a thoroughly modern steel and concrete building, three stories in height, covering an area of 100 feet by 165 feet, which was fully equipped with all new machinery of the most modern type, employment being given to over two hundred workers.

After the death, in 1911, of Richard H. H. Steel, his son, George E. Steel, succeeded his father in the management of the R. H. H. Steel Laundry, acting as president and treasurer, and has associated with him Robert Carey, vice-president; Harry C. Pearsall, secretary, and Henry Christensen, manager. In 1917 the present management found it necessary to still increase the plant in order to take care of its growing business, and built an addition—75x100 feet, four stories high. The plant now occupies a four-story building, covering an entire city block on Oakland avenue, from Jefferson avenue to Laidlaw avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey, having an area of about 34,000 square feet to a floor, making the space occupied by the business about 135,000 square feet.

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### WALSH, Edward Vincent,

#### Business Man.

The success of every big business enterprise is more or less dependent upon the faithfulness and ability of hundreds of employees who discharge the duties of many and varied positions. Among those who are contributing to the success of the Public Service Corporation of New Jersey by efficiently taking care of one branch of its interests is Edward Vin-



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cent Walsh, agent in the North Hudson office, West New York, New Jersey.

Edward Walsh, father of Edward Vincent Walsh, born in Dublin, Ireland, died at the age of forty-five years, in Jersey City, New Jersey. He was employed as departmental manager by A. T. Stewart & Company of New York City, and with honor served his country during the Civil War, having been injured in the battle of Antietam. He married Catherine Burke, who is still (1924) a resident of Jersey City, and they were the parents of six children, of whom the following four are living: Helen; Catherine, who married John J. Nevin, of Jersey City; Mary, residing in Jersey City; and Edward Vincent, of further mention.

Edward Vincent Walsh, son of Edward and Catherine (Burke) Walsh, was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, July 11, 1878. After attending grammar school No. 6, he became a student in St. Peter's College, of Jersey City, where he continued his studies for a period of six years. Upon the completion of his education, he found his first employment with the Erie Railroad Company, which connection he maintained for period of two years. He became associated with the Jersey City Electric Light Company, January 1, 1899, and has remained with that organization, and the later and larger one with which it was merged, to the present time (1924), when after several re-organizations the Jersey City Electric Light Company became a part of the Public Service Corporation of New Jersey. Mr. Walsh continued his connection with the new corporation, and on January 1, 1914, was appointed agent of the Hoboken office. On January 1, 1917, he was promoted and transferred to the North Hudson office at West New York, New Jersey, as agent, and that responsible position he has continued to hold to the present time. His long association with the concern, and

with the earlier organization from which it developed, has enabled him to render notably efficient and useful service. Mr. Walsh has many friends in Jersey City, Hoboken and North Hudson. Fraternally he is affiliated with Jersey City Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and with Weehawken Rotary Club. His religious connection is with the Roman Catholic Church of St. Patrick, of Jersey City.

On September 1, 1911, at Jersey City, Edward Vincent Walsh married Elizabeth Florence Fenlon, who was born in Jersey City. Mr. and Mrs. Walsh are the parents of two children: Donald Edward, born March 27, 1915; Edward, born March 20, 1923.

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### THOMPSON, Jennie Theresa, Librarian.

One of the well known citizens of West New York, New Jersey, is Jennie Theresa Thompson, who since September, 1920, has had full charge of the town's public library. Her tact and courtesy, as well as her genuine interest in the work, enable her to render valuable service, and the people of West New York have learned that no effort is too great for Miss Thompson to undertake in order to meet the needs of those whom she serves.

Theodore Thompson, father of Miss Thompson, was born in Norway, but he has been a resident of this country for nearly half a century. As a stevedore in the employ of the Corn Products Company, of Edgewater, New Jersey, he has been active for many years, and he is still living and active. He and his wife, Gunhild (Tollaksen) Thompson, who came to this country from Norway thirty-seven years ago, are now living in West New York.

Jennie Theresa Thompson, daughter of



Theodore and Gunhild (Tollaksen) Thompson, was born in Brooklyn, New York, October 28, 1890, and that same year was taken by her parents to Staten Island, where she received her early training in the public schools. Before her schooldays were over, however, the parents again changed their place of residence, this time going to West New York, where Miss Thompson graduated from grammar school in 1911, and attended high school for a time. After leaving school, she assisted her mother with the household duties for a few years, and then in May, 1917, was appointed assistant librarian of West New York's Public Library. In September, 1920, she was placed in full charge of the library, and the duties of chief librarian she has been efficiently discharging to the present time. The original West New York Free Public Library was incorporated in 1916, the building being formally opened during the following year with a selection of 2,700 volumes, and under the supervision of Miss Gorton, librarian, and Miss Jennie T. Thompson, assistant librarian. The first six months of its activity showed a circulation of 37,919 volumes, with 2,941 registered members. The library soon outgrew its original home, and on September 9, 1922, the corner-stone was laid for a new building, which is now finished and under the personal supervision of Miss Thompson, assisted by Mrs. Dollman and the Misses Bendlin and Dilcher. The new building is classic in style of architecture and was erected at a cost of more than \$100,000. The construction is of the most modern, being fireproof throughout. The main floor comprises a marble lobby and foyer, trustees' rooms, librarians' rooms, reading room, juvenile department, reference room and delivery room. The second floor is made up of general reference rooms, delivery room, rest room, and

reading rooms. The furniture throughout is of quartered oak, and the shelving space is occupied by more than 20,000 volumes. Over this beautiful new building and the great educational work which is being done from it, Miss Jennie T. Thompson has executive control and supervision. Miss Thompson is highly esteemed among a host of personal friends, and has won in a high degree the esteem of the public which she serves. She is an attendant of Grove Reformed Church.

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## GILL, E. Elmer,

### Financial Executive.

In the world of finance in Hudson county, New Jersey, E. Elmer Gill, of West New York, New Jersey, is a noteworthy figure, his position as manager of the New Jersey Title Guarantee and Trust Company placing him among the leading executives in financial circles in the metropolitan district of New Jersey. Mr. Gill comes of a family long resident in Brooklyn, New York, and New York City. Robinson Gill, Mr. Gill's grandfather, was the pioneer of this family in America and established the business which has been in the family for three generations. He was a man of progressive spirit, and became largely prominent in New York City and vicinity, and was an intimate friend of Robert Collier.

E. Elmer Gill is a son of Edward Robinson Gill, who was born in Brooklyn, New York, in April, 1859, and died in March, 1896, at a comparatively early age. He was a free stone contractor of New York City, the firm of R. Gill & Sons, located for many years at One-hundred and Sixth street and the East River. The mother, Ida (Eckert) Gill, was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, in October, 1859, and died in September, 1916, at the age of fifty-four years.

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E. Elmer Gill, only child of Edward Robinson and Ida (Eckert) Gill, was born in New York City, August 10, 1883. His education was begun in the public schools of New York and he also attended the Barnard School for several years. He entered the business world in 1904, his first experience being in the employ of the Pavonia Trust Company, of Jersey City, as a messenger, and later he went with the West New York Trust Company, of which he became assistant secretary and assistant treasurer in November, 1912. In 1915, when the New Jersey Title Guarantee and Trust Company succeeded the West New York Trust Company, he became manager of the new concern. Mr. Gill has led the present organization to a very noteworthy position in the business world, and in financial circles throughout the metropolitan district he is recognized as a man of large ability and efficiency. Mr. Gill has few interests outside of his business activities, but is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He resides at the Elks' Club, and his leisure interests include all outdoor sports, particularly motoring.

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### **HILLE, Frederick William,**

**President of Trust Company.**

For nearly half a century Frederick William Hille, president of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Trust Company, has been a resident of Union Hill, New Jersey, and during that time he has been one of the most active workers in the advancement of the public welfare of that community.

Born in Marburg, Hesse-Nassau, Germany, July 6, 1850, Frederick William Hille is a son of William G. and Maria (Klingelhoffer) Hille. After attending the local public schools he prepared for

college in the gymnasium and then entered Marburg University, from which he was graduated in 1869. Three years later he came to this country and settled in New York City, where he remained until 1874. In that year he removed to Union Hill, New Jersey, and there he has continued to reside to the present time (1923). While in New York City he secured his first position in the employ of Eimer & Amend, wholesale and retail druggists. After removing to Union Hill he continued in the drug business until 1900, and then engaged in the banking business as assistant treasurer of the Hudson Trust Company, of which he was one of the founders. In 1917 he resigned his position in the Hudson Trust Company in order to accept the position which he now holds, that of president of the Merchants' and Manufacturers' Trust Company. Along with his business responsibilities Mr. Hille has found time for local public service. He served as collector of taxes for four years, and at present (1923) is president of the Sinking Fund Commission of Union Hill. During the period of the participation of the United States in the World War he served in every war drive, and was treasurer of the committee in charge of at least nine of them, rendering valuable service in the work of the Red Cross and of Jewish and Catholic organizations, as well as in those with which he was personally identified. Fraternally he has been a member of Mystic Tie Lodge, No. 123, Free and Accepted Masons, since 1886, and was treasurer for twenty-one years, but he resigned the treasurership in 1920. He is a member of the Masonic Club of North Hudson, and his religious affiliation is with St. John's Lutheran Church. Mr. Hille is held in high esteem both among his business associates and among his many personal friends, and is



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numbered among the public-spirited citizens of the community in which he lives.

On August 20, 1880, at Union Hill, New Jersey, Frederick William Hille married Christina Frick, daughter of Philip and Catherine (Holzinger) Frick, and they are the parents of three children: Katie, who was born in 1881, and died in 1918, at the age of thirty-seven years; William G., who was born April, 1883; and Emma F., who was born in January, 1885.

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### DREWES, Fred,

#### **Business Executive.**

As secretary of the Hudson County Oakland Sales Corporation, Fred Drewes stands among the broadly progressive executives of the day in Jersey City, and is associated with his father and brothers in this prosperous and growing organization. Mr. Drewes is a son of Henry F. Drewes, who was born in Germany and came to the United States as a young man, locating at once in Jersey City, where he has resided ever since. He is president of the above concern. The mother, Henrietta (Ahrens) Drewes, was also born in Germany, and they are the parents of five children: William, who died in infancy; Fred, of further mention; Henrietta; Henry, vice-president of the organization; and John, also connected with the business.

Fred Drewes was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, March 30, 1897. He is a graduate of Public School No. 12, class of 1911, and William L. Dickenson High School, class of 1915. He later attended New York University Law School for two years, then read law in the offices of former Corporation Counsel John C. Wait, of New York City, where he gained valuable experience, although he has not, as yet, practiced this profession. From 1917 until 1920 Mr. Drewes was engaged

in the theatrical business as a producer and performer, also as an author of plays. It was while he was thus engaged that the United States entered the World War, and Mr. Drewes plunged at once into community service work. He was sent to Washington, District of Columbia, where he was active throughout the period of the war as an entertainer and also in connection with the work of the War Labor Board. In the year 1920 Mr. Drewes became associated with his father and brothers in the present enterprise, and his energy and business ability have contributed largely to its successful advance. Advantageously located at No. 861 Bergen avenue, Jersey City, the company is doing a constantly increasing business in the sale of Oakland cars, also handling a complete stock of parts and accessories and keeping a thoroughly up-to-date and finely equipped service station. Mr. Drewes is deeply interested in all out-door sports, and is widely known as a Marathon runner, having won a prize at the Jersey City Marathon. He is a member of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Mr. Drewes married, June 5, 1920, in Brooklyn, New York, Ruby L. Jones, who was born at Charlotte, North Carolina, a daughter of Roland P. and Marie (McMillan) Jones, now residents of Richmond, Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Drewes are the parents of one child, Marjorie June, born June 9, 1921.

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### LIMOUZE, Percy W.,

#### **Real Estate and Insurance Operator.**

In the world of real estate and insurance in North Hudson, New Jersey, Mr. Limouze holds a leading position and with extensive experience in many branches of real estate investment, development and brokerage he is bearing a very progressive part in these allied fields



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to-day. This family has been many years in the United States, the pioneer having been John Baptist Limouze, great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, who was born at Santa Voes, France. His son, John Anton Limouze, was born at Santa Voes, July 8, 1821, and came to America, settling at Lossberg, a French settlement which later became known as West Hoboken. Mr. Limouze is a son of George Limouze, who was born in West Hoboken, New Jersey, July 30, 1866, and died July 21, 1920. He was active in real estate business throughout his lifetime, and was one of the broadly prominent men of this section. The mother, Catherine Limouze, died November 23, 1901.

Percy W. Limouze, only child of these parents, was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, September 18, 1887. His education was begun in the local grammar schools of which he is a graduate, and he attended high school both in this city and in Union Hill, New Jersey. Making special preparation for a commercial career at Egan's Business College, in Hoboken, he was graduated from that institution and immediately entered the business world. His first experience was in the employ of the American Exchange National Bank of New York City, with which he was identified for two years. He then entered the real estate business in partnership with his father and was active in this connection for eight years as an employee, becoming in 1913 a member of the firm. His father retired at that time and subsequently Mr. Limouze purchased the business outright. Mr. Limouze is doing a very extensive business, his leading activity being along the line of real estate investments. He handles general insurance of every kind, and is doing a largely prosperous and constantly growing business. He is further affiliated with the Merchants and Manu-

facturers' Trust Company, in the town of Union, New Jersey. During the World War Mr. Limouze served in the United States Medical Corps in the division of hospital buildings at the Port of Embarkation, Hoboken, New Jersey; his work being the establishing of hospitals and the taking over of various buildings for Government use incidental thereto. Fraternally Mr. Limouze is affiliated with Union Hill Lodge, No. 1357, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and Ellsworth Camp, No. 32, Sons of Veterans, of which he is past commander. He finds his chief relaxation in motoring and gardening, and is a member of the Grove Dutch Reformed Church.

Mr. Limouze married, in New York City, August 17, 1917, Mabel E. Beerman, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Beerman.

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### JOHNSON, Martin,

**Theatrical Manager and Owner.**

A self-made business man and the owner of one of Hoboken's finest theatres, Mr. Johnson has an unusually large number of friends and acquaintances. He was born in Hoboken, New Jersey, December 24, 1886, and has lived in the city all his life. His parents were Alexander and Amelia (Wiggins) Johnson, both of whom were born in Hudson county, of families long domiciled in the "Garden State." His father, who is no longer living, was a watchman on the Hoboken docks, and spent his entire lifetime within sight and sound of the sea.

As a boy Mr. Johnson took great delight in watching the Atlantic greyhounds enter and leave port, and many a boy with such an intimate acquaintance with ships and crews would have turned to the sea as a mean of livelihood. This field of endeavor did not tempt Mr. Johnson, however. His interests were all on

shore, and most of them centered in the theatres of his native city. From his earliest childhood, the theatre exerted a profound fascination upon him. It took the place of guns and marbles and all the other paraphernalia of childish sport, and the attraction it held for him as a child never lessened its hold upon him. If theatre managers are born and not made, Mr. Johnson may be said to have been born a theatrical manager.

He was educated in the public schools of Hoboken, and after his graduation therefrom lost no time in entering his chosen field. He applied to A. M. Bruggermann, who was at that time the owner of the Empire Theatre, for a position as usher. Mr. Bruggermann, who had an eye for the kind of talent that serves the front of the house no less than for that which occupies the stage, decided that Mr. Johnson was well fitted to become a member of the Empire personnel and gave him a position. Before long Mr. Johnson knew the regular patrons of the house by name, had established friendly relations with the mechanical staff, and could "count up the house" as quickly as any veteran in the box office. His promotion followed as a matter of course, and he presently became assistant treasurer. From this position he advanced to that of house manager, and, finally, upon the retirement of Mr. Bruggermann, he bought the property outright and settled down to a highly successful career as owner. His business life has thus been spent in its entirety between the walls of the Empire Theatre, and it is safe to say that if he had the last twenty years to live over again he would elect to spend them in the same way. Extremely popular in Hoboken, where the flawless hospitality of the Empire is well known, Mr. Johnson is no less popular among the members of the theatrical profession whose productions have regularly filled

his stage. Pursuing a policy consonant with the highest ideals of public entertainment, he has always cared more for the reputation of the Empire and his own high standing than for any temporary financial prosperity that might have been derived from booking plays of questionable appeal, and his management of the Empire Theatre, Hoboken, has more than once afforded a parallel to the management of the historic Empire Theatre, New York City, during the days when Charles Frohman controlled its destinies and exerted a powerful influence upon the American stage. This parallel, whenever it has been drawn, has afforded Mr. Johnson great pleasure, because he has always regarded Charles Frohman as the ideal manager and the Empire Theatre, New York City, one of the most capably administered theatres in the history of the American theatrical business.

An independent in politics, Mr. Johnson reserves his right to vote for the man and the issue he favors rather than to pursue a party policy unswervingly. In all matters that affect the welfare of the general public at Hoboken, he may be trusted to make his influence felt very effectively and on the side of the greatest good to the greatest number. In religious faith, Mr. Johnson is a staunch adherent of the Catholic church, and takes an active part in the religious and humanitarian work it carries on at Hoboken. So far, only two fraternal orders have enrolled him as a member. He belongs to the Hoboken Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and to the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

On May 30, 1920, Mr. Johnson married, at Jersey City, May Reilly, daughter of John and Ann Reilly. Both of Mrs. Johnson's parents are living. Her father is engaged in business at Jersey City as an undertaker and funeral director. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have no children.



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### **BURSTYN, Henry,**

**Real Estate Operator and Broker.**

A prominent figure in the business life of Hudson county, New Jersey, also in fraternal circles in this section, Henry Burstyn is taking a constructive part in the present day advance as an operator and broker in real estate. His long experience in the business world and his natural ability in the management of large affairs contribute not only to his own success but to the welfare and progress of the city of West Hoboken, where his interests center. Mr. Burstyn is a son of Harris and Mary Burstyn, natives of Russia, his father a furrier by occupation, and a largely successful man in his field.

Henry Burstyn was born in Russia, May 15, 1871. His education was received in European institutions, and as a young man he came to America to found his own fortunes. For many years he was active in mercantile pursuits, mostly along wholesale lines, but more recently he has handled real estate. Accustomed to large activities, and a broadly capable executive, Mr. Burstyn has been the means of bringing about much progressive achievement in his chosen field, many important commissions having been placed in his hands. His endeavors along the line of development work has also been productive of much good, and he stands among the truly significant men of the day in Hudson county, as a member of the well known real estate firm of Bazaz & Burstyn. With offices at No. 523 Hackensack plank road, these progressive men are bearing a very useful and permanently constructive part in the upbuilding of this section. Mr. Burstyn is further affiliated with the business world as a stockholder in the Roselle Park Trust Company.

In the public service he also devotes his splendid energies to the public good, having served for ten years as a member of the West Hoboken Board of Health, and now being connected with the North Bergen Board of Health. He is treasurer of the American Loan Company, and secretary of the North Hudson Loan Company. Fraternally Mr. Burstyn is identified with Ezra Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Union Hill, New Jersey; Union Hill Lodge, No. 1375, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in which he now holds the responsible office of treasurer, also acting as chairman of the finance committee of the Elks' new building, now under course of construction. He is further affiliated with the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith; and Western Star Lodge, Temple of Israel. He is a member of the Ready Relief Club, and is a leader in Democratic party activities in West Hoboken as a prominent member of the Third Ward Democratic Club. He attends the Temple of Israel congregation.

Henry Burstyn married, in Newark, New Jersey, Rebecca Gilbert, daughter of Heirsh Emanuel and Rose Gilbert, and they are the parents of two sons: Morton, born July 15, 1917; and Harris Emanuel, born August 8, 1922.

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### **ADDEO, Alexander,**

**Building Contractor, Veteran of World War.**

One of the most cosmopolitan of American cities, Hoboken, New Jersey, has always been particularly proud of her citizens of Italian birth and training. Among these, Mr. Addeo is one who has attained a secure place in the business and commercial life of the community. He was born in the Kingdom of Italy, August 26, 1888, son of Giosevele and Felicella Addeo. His father, who was a



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well-to-do railroad contractor, carried on an extensive business in the old country and maintained a comfortable and well-appointed home for his family in a district that is famous for the beauty of its scenery. Mr. Addeo's mother possessed a deeply religious nature and was a representative of the highest type of Italian womanhood. From her, Mr. Addeo inherited many of his distinguishing characteristics and, in particular, an inborn love of musical art.

As a boy in Italy Mr. Addeo lived the carefree life that usually falls to the lot of a prosperous and successful business man's son. He had brothers and sisters, and cousins of his own age, and his childhood was marked by many happy occurrences. His parents entered him as a pupil of the public schools and watched over him and guarded him as his education proceeded. As he grew up, Mr. Addeo was more or less closely identified with his father's affairs and thus acquired an efficient and practical knowledge of contracting and building. When the time came for him to choose an occupation, he decided without hesitation to carry on the family tradition, and to ally himself with the forces that have lifted American architecture to a pre-eminent place. Inspired by the belief that the golden age of architecture has here been entered upon, and having as a part of his natural heritage a deep instinct for the best architectural designs of the past, Mr. Addeo resolved to embark upon the practical work of building, convinced that he would always find his greatest happiness in helping to bring about new achievements of the American builder's art. In pursuance of this resolution, he came to the United States and established himself in business as an independent contractor and builder at Hoboken. A student of design, a practical judge of all building materials, and a man

of great constructive energy, Mr. Addeo has already achieved substantial success in this field of endeavor, and his business is rapidly expanding. In these circumstances, he has come to be regarded as one of the most alert and enterprising of the younger business men at Hoboken, and his career is being watched with sympathetic interest by his fellow-townsmen.

During the World War Mr. Addeo served as a member of the 87th Division of the American Expeditionary Forces. He was assigned to Company E, 345th Infantry, and was present at all the engagements in which his regiment took part. He was honorably discharged at the conclusion of hostilities and immediately afterwards returned to his business at Hoboken. As an ex-service man, Mr. Addeo takes a great interest in the welfare of the disabled soldiers and sailors of the United States, and systematically aids every movement that is designed to promote their happiness.

In politics Mr. Addeo is a Democrat. He casts his vote for Democratic candidates regularly, and is an ardent and enthusiastic supporter of Democratic principles. The burden of his work leaves him little time for social and fraternal gatherings; consequently, his membership in societies is limited to the Bricklayers' Union, Local No. 29, of Hoboken, of which he is a very active and energetic member. Born and brought up in the faith of a Roman Catholic, he is a member of St. Ann's Parish at Hoboken, and always lends the full force of his influence to further the work of this parish and its church, besides giving practical assistance to the educational and humanitarian work of the Catholic church in general.

Mr. Addeo married, on September 2, 1919, Jennie Delmonico, at Hoboken, Mrs. Addeo was born in Italy, in 1902,

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and is a daughter of Dominic and Rosa Delmonico. Mr. and Mrs. Addeo have one daughter, Annie, who was born at Hoboken, August 5, 1920.

### **MODARELLI, Michael,**

**Realtor, Public Official.**

The list of Hudson county's successful realtors includes the name of Michael Modarelli, whose offices are located at the Twin Theatre building, at Bergenline avenue and Third street, Union Hill, New Jersey. Mr. Modarelli is of Italian birth, son of Egidie and Maria (Bernardo) Modarelli, the former of whom was a rancher and land owner in Italy, but later went to South America, where he died in 1883, survived by his wife, whose death occurred in Union Hill, New Jersey, in 1917.

Born in Colobrarò, Italy, June 22, 1876, Michael Modarelli received his education in his native land, attending the public schools of Colobrarò. After completing the course in the grammar school with graduation, he came to this country in December, 1890, where he learned the barber's trade, in which he was active until 1905. In that year he decided to invest the capital which he had earned and also to change his occupation. He opened a real estate office at No. 242 Bergenline avenue in 1907. He has met with encouraging success in that line of business activity and has become notably successful in the evaluation of real property. He has built up a large patronage, which includes many of his compatriots as well as a large number of those not of Italian parentage. Up to December 1, 1923, his offices were located at No. 242 Bergenline avenue, in Union, but he is now located in the new quarters above mentioned. He is widely known among the large group of pleasant friends and business associates, and is recognized as

one of the alert, enterprising realtors of Hudson county.

Politically he gives his support to the Democratic party. He takes an active interest in local public affairs, has served as justice of the peace for three terms, and is now serving his second term as tax assessor in the town of Union. Besides taking an active part in local public affairs, Mr. Modarelli was selected as chairman of the Italian committee organized by the Italian Council of Newark, New Jersey, to raise funds for war activities. He was also a member of the mayor's committee on the Liberty and Victory Loan drives. He was chairman of the committee that was appointed to receive the Italian Ambassador, Senator V. Ricci, in July, 1921, and is a recognized leader of the Italian-American faction of Hudson county. Fraternally, he is identified with Lodge No. 1357, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Union Hill; and with the Sons of Italy. He is president of the Italian-American Association, Inc., and a member of the board of trustees of the Union Club, Inc. His religious interest is with the Italian Catholic Church of St. Rocco, of which he is one of the founders and a member of the first board of trustees; and is a director in the West Shore Building and Loan Association.

On June 12, 1896, Michael Modarelli married Rosa C. Ricciulli, daughter of Pasquale and Filomena (Pastore) Ricciulli. Mr. and Mrs. Modarelli are the parents of: 1. Alfred E., born in 1898, who is a graduate of Columbia University and of Columbia Law School, and is now practicing law in Hudson county. During his college days he played on the football team and won his "C," and has been coach of the Union Hill football team. 2. Amelia, born in 1900. 3. Julia, born in 1901. 4. Helen, born in 1905.







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now a student in New Jersey College for Women. 5. Arthur, born in 1906, who is a student in Union Hill High School, president of his class and manager of the football team. 6. Roberto, born in 1908, now attending Union Hill High School. 7. Walter H., a student at Roosevelt Grammar School.

### **TOMFOHRDE, John F.,**

**Progressive Citizen.**

In the field perhaps most closely allied with the progress of the civic body and the daily welfare of the people, John H. Tomfohrde, of Bayonne, New Jersey, stands among the leaders, and in his success is contributing no small measure to the general advance.

Mr. Tomfohrde was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, in the year 1873, and is a son of Martin and Anna Tomfohrde, for many years esteemed residents of this city. As child and youth he attended the local educational institutions, completing his preparation for his career at the Hasbrouck Institute. Variouslly employed as a young man, his interest was keenly aroused by the development activities in real estate which marked the closing years of the nineteenth century. Into this field he plunged with all the vigor of confident business ability inspired to high effort, and his place was soon one of dignity and success. Handling insurance as well, and in this field representing some of the foremost companies of the time, he has now been active in his chosen field for a full quarter of a century. He has few interests outside of his business, but is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks as a member of a Bayonne lodge, and he is identified with the First Reformed Church.

Mr. Tomfohrde married, April 7, 1907, Anna Heinemann, daughter of Joseph

and Adeline Heinemann, and they reside in Bayonne.

### **GADDIS, Malcolm Lionel,**

**Broker, Publisher.**

After nearly three decades of experience in the brokerage business in Wall street, New York City, Malcolm Lionel Gaddis is devoting his time and attention to the printing and publishing business in Jersey City, New Jersey, and to the development of oil interests in Colorado. He is well-known in Hudson county as an active supporter of the "Grand Old Party."

Mr. Gaddis is a descendant of one of the oldest families of Hudson county, being a direct descendant of Hans Hansen Bergen, who came to what is now Jersey City from Bergen, Norway, in 1623. His father, Theodore Frelinghuysen Gaddis, was for many years engaged in the foundry business as senior partner of the firm of Gaddis & Smith, which concern furnished the iron work for several important structures in New York City, including the Museum of Natural History and parts of the elevated railroad system. During the Civil War he served as a member of the 7th Regiment, of New York City. Theodore Frelinghuysen Gaddis married Caroline Amelia Ryder, daughter of B. W. Ryder, the oldest produce merchant of Jersey City, and one of the founders of the Wayne Street Reformed Church of Jersey City, and a direct descendant of Dr. Joseph Warren, who was a member of the first three provincial congresses, president of the third, and was appointed major-general of the United States troops, next in rank to Artemas Ward. Before his commission was made out, however, General Warren took part under the order of Putnam and Prescott as a volunteer in the

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battle of Bunker Hill (Breed's Hill), where he was killed. Mr. and Mrs. Gaddis were the parents of five sons and one daughter, including Malcolm Lionel, of further mention, and Mortimer Cecil, a sketch of whom follows.

Malcolm Lionel Gaddis, son of Theodore Frelinghuysen and Caroline Amelia (Ryder) Gaddis, was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, and after attending the public schools of Jersey City, completed his preparation by taking a course in Pratt Institute in Brooklyn and later in the New York Trade School. Upon the completion of his training he found employment with the brokerage firm of John H. Jacquelin & Company, located on Wall street, New York City, and for twenty-nine years he continued his association with the brokerage business on "the street," later being identified with the firm of Jacquelin & DeCoppet. At the end of that time he engaged in the printing and publishing business, but he is also interested in shale oil development in De Beque, Colorado, where he owns the only hotel in the town. He is a stockholder in the Bergen National Bank, and is actively interested in the economic welfare of the municipality. He is a member of the Jersey City Chamber of Commerce, and politically is an active worker in the interests of the Republican party, which he served as a leader of the Nineteenth Assembly District in New York City. His fraternal affiliation is with Amity Lodge, No. 103, Free and Accepted Masons; and he is a member of the Kiwanis Club, of the Masonic Club, of the Radio Broadcasting Society, and of the Bergen Association. His favorite pastime is traveling, and he is also fond of fishing. His religious affiliation is with the Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross. Mr. Gaddis has one sister, Bertha Outcalt, and three brothers living, Theodore Bergen, Percy

Almy, and Mortimer Cecil; one brother, Warren Van Dyck, died in infancy.

Mr. Gaddis' printing and publishing establishment is situated on Beacon avenue in Jersey City, New Jersey.

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### GADDIS, Mortimer Cecil,

#### **Publisher.**

As owner and publisher of the only Republican newspaper in Jersey City, New Jersey, Mortimer Cecil Gaddis holds a unique position in the life of the community. He has been engaged in the printing business in Jersey City since 1910, and is well-known both as an expert craftsman and as a "live wire" in the editorial field.

Mortimer Cecil Gaddis is a son of Theodore Frelinghuysen and Caroline Amelia (Ryder) Gaddis, and a brother of Malcolm Lionel Gaddis (see preceding sketch). He was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, and received a good practical education in the public schools of his native city. After the completion of his high school course, he learned the printer's trade and for several years was engaged in printing and newspaper work in the employ of various concerns. For two years he was engaged with the government printing office in Washington, D. C., but this position he resigned in 1910, and removed to Jersey City, where he engaged in business for himself as a printer. For ten years he conducted a reliable printing establishment, which won for him the reputation of being one of the best practical printers in the city. In 1920 he added to his work as a printer the publication of "The Jersey Review." The project met a need and was successful from the beginning. The circulation has steadily grown and prospered and Mr. Gaddis has become known as one of



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the wide-awake and enterprising editors of the city.

Mr. Gaddis is a member of the Hudson County Typothetae, and of the International Typographical Union. Fraternally he is affiliated with Amity Lodge, No. 103, Free and Accepted Masons; Mount Vernon Chapter, No. 8, Royal Arch Masons; Hugh de Payens Commandery, No. 7, Knights Templar; and of Salaam Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of Jersey City Lodge, No. 211, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He takes an active interest in the local public affairs of the community in which he lives, as a member of the Jersey City Chamber of Commerce and the Bergen Association and keeps in touch with editorial work throughout the country through membership with the National Editorial Association. His religious affiliation is with the Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross, but his wife and son attend the Grace Methodist Episcopal Church.

In New York City, January 21, 1907, at St. Andrews' Episcopal Church, Mortimer Cecil Gaddis married Emma Agnes Smith, daughter of Henry Hammerstein and Emma (Smith) Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Gaddis are the parents of one son, Warren Bergen Gaddis, who was born August 23, 1912. They reside at No. 2787 Hudson boulevard, Jersey City, New Jersey.

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### QUEEN, John Wahl, A.B., A.M., Ph.D., Counsellor-at-Law.

One of the foremost figures in legal circles in Hudson county, New Jersey, is John Wahl Queen, attorney and counsellor-at-law, educator, public servant and clubman.

The Queen family is of Scotch-Irish

origin, prominent in the old country for many generations, and the pioneer of the family in America was Thomas Queen, who emigrated from the North of Ireland early in the nineteenth century, settling in Philadelphia in 1811. Mr. Queen's father, John Wahl Queen, was a farmer of Hunterdon county, New Jersey. He married Liveria Apgar.

John Wahl Queen, son of John Wahl and Liveria (Apgar) Queen, was born at Mount Pleasant, Hunterdon county, New Jersey, February 20, 1862. He was graduated from the State Model School, at Trenton, New Jersey, in the class of 1883, after which he entered Princeton University, from which he was graduated in the class of 1887, with his Bachelor's degree in the arts. During the next scholastic year he pursued a post-graduate study at Princeton as South East Club Fellow in social science. Continuing post-graduate work at Princeton during the next scholastic year, (1888-1889), he received his Master's degree in arts and the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Meanwhile, he filled the chair of history and political science at the Pennsylvania Military Academy, at Chester, Pennsylvania. The following year he filled a similar professorship at the Ohio State University, at Columbus, Ohio, then in 1890-1891 he again held the South East Club Fellowship in social science, at Princeton, teaching history at both that university and at Evelyn College, in Princeton, New Jersey. In September, 1891, Mr. Queen took up the study of law, entering New York Law School, and also reading law in the offices of Collins & Corbin, of Jersey City. He was admitted to the bar of the State of New Jersey in November, 1893, as attorney, and as counsellor in February, 1898. During the early years of his professional activity Mr. Queen was associated with the firm

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of Collins & Corbin; later he became a member of the firm of Queen & Tennant; and then of Queen & Stout. In October, 1922, the latter firm was dissolved and since that time he has practiced by himself.

From the beginning Mr. Queen's activities have, of necessity, been such as to bring him much into the public eye, and he was early brought forward into the public service. He was elected a member of the State Legislature, House of Assembly, of the State of New Jersey, in 1896, and his record as a legislator was one of distinguished service. As leader of the Democratic minority in the House he did much for the people, especially of Hudson county. Introducing the equal taxation bill of that session, Mr. Queen brought before the House the questions it involved, and made a splendid fight for the just and equitable distribution of taxes of railroad property. Governor Griggs appointed a commission, as a direct and immediate result of this bill, to investigate conditions then obtaining, particularly as regarding railroad property. A bill was drawn up by the commission covering the situation comprehensively, and this bill became a law at the next session of the Legislature, returning to Hudson county well towards a million dollars in taxes annually, which rightfully belonged to this locality, but which had therefore been paid to the State by the railroads. Mr. Queen's part in this agitation, and results thereby obtained, was recognized universally and cordially acclaimed. Allen L. McDermott, corporation counsel under Mayor Hoos, suggested Mr. Queen's appointment, which followed in May, 1898, as corporation attorney for a term of two years. In May, 1900, he was reappointed, and through the coming into force of the Meeker Law during this term, his period

of service was automatically extended to January 1, 1903. Thereafter for some years Mr. Queen felt compelled to devote his attention entirely to the demands of his steadily increasing practice, but later on he was persuaded to accept the appointment as police justice of Jersey City. This office he ably filled for two terms under the administration of Mayor H. Otto Wittpenn. He served as United States Commissioner for the District of New Jersey from 1914 to 1922, and then on August 15, 1922, he was appointed assistant counsel of the Board of Public Utility Commissioners of the State of New Jersey, in which capacity he still serves.

In his more personal interests Mr. Queen is well-known in eastern club circles, being a member of the Princeton Club of New York, the Carteret Club of Jersey City, the University Club of Hudson county, the Palma and Cosmos clubs of Jersey City, and the Hudson County Historical Society. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Jersey City, and has been a member of the board of trustees of the church for many years.

Mr. Queen married, in New York City, December 14, 1898, Rebecca Bird Whitfield, daughter of Edwin A. and Susie (Bird) Whitfield, and they have two children: Evelyn Bird, born May 8, 1902; and John Wahl, 3rd, born September 2, 1905. Mr. Queen's interest in higher education is shown by the fact that his daughter was educated at Smith College, and his son at Princeton University.

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### TRAVIS, Leonard E.,

Journalist.

Two widely separated fields of activity have occupied Mr. Travis, his present journalistic connections preceded by







*Samuel A. Besson*

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technical work in chemistry and electricity. An adopted son of Hudson county, New Jersey, he is a native of Mianus, Connecticut, and traces his ancestry to the earliest English colonists of New England. He is a great-grandson of Uriah Travis, the last Revolutionary officer buried in Westchester county, New York.

Leonard E. Travis was born October 1, 1858, and after attending the New York City public schools, supplemented this training by a four years' private laboratory course in chemistry, electricity and physics. After entering active life he devoted considerable time to research work and introduced balata as a commercial gum in okenite composition, while in the electrical field he is known as the inventor and constructor of the first electrically operated and lighted advertising signs shown in New York City. Mr. Travis is credited with numerous other inventions from which, as is often the case, the promoters profited.

In 1894 Mr. Travis changed his field of professional endeavor and entered the newspaper business as editor of the "Kearny Republican," becoming at the same time correspondent for the New York "Evening Sun," "Tribune," "Herald," and later, in 1900, becoming law reporter for the Newark "Daily Advertiser." During the years of 1906 to 1913 he was assistant secretary of the Republican State Committee and made a very extensive acquaintance with the National Republican statesmen. In 1915 he formed his present connection with the Bayonne "News," then known as the Bayonne "Review." He has a wide acquaintance among all classes of the district's citizenship, a large editorial following, and has many points of contact with community life. Mr. Travis is the author of numerous short stories and has written exten-

sively on a great variety of subjects, included in his work of this nature being editorial and advisory service in the preparation of the present "History of Hudson County."

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### BESSON, Samuel Austin.

#### Lawyer.

As a skillful and conscientious lawyer and a forceful and resourceful advocate, Samuel Austin Besson has long been known in Hoboken, New Jersey, where for one year he served as corporation attorney, and where he has been engaged in general practice for many years. He is also connected with many business interests in the city and stands high in the esteem of a host of friends and associates.

Mr. Besson was born in Everittstown, Hunterdon county, New Jersey, April 6, 1853, youngest child of William and Margaret Besson, descended from a Huguenot family settled in New Jersey before 1730. He received his early education under the tuition of his brother, John C. Besson, and of Hon. George O. Vanderbilt, and in the public school of his native district, Alexandria township, Hunterdon county, New Jersey, in 1869, when sixteen years of age, became a pupil in the Carversville Normal School at Carversville, Pennsylvania. Three years later he entered the freshman class in Lafayette College, at Easton, Pennsylvania, and in 1876 he was graduated from that institution with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. During his junior and senior years he took prizes offered each year for proficiency in the study of Latin and in the Greek writings of the early Christian fathers of the church. He then engaged in teaching and for one year served as principal of the high school in Franklin, Pennsylvania. At the end of that time he was appointed to fill the position of principal of the high

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school in Phillipsburg, New Jersey, and that position he filled with efficiency, winning the love and esteem of his pupils and the hearty approbation of the parents and of the board of school directors. In the summer of 1877 he went to Hoboken, New Jersey, and began the study of law with his brother, John C. Besson, under whose guidance he was prepared for admission to the New Jersey bar, in June, 1879, as an attorney, and in June, 1882, as a counsellor. In the spring of 1882 he was appointed corporation counsel for the city of Hoboken, by the City Council, and it was during his term of office that many important suits concerning water front titles were won by the city. He was one of the many distinguished lawyers who took part in these legal contests, and the skill and energy with which he supported the rightful claims of the city was a matter which won the admiration and the gratitude of the city officials. In 1883 he became associated with his brother, John C. Besson, in a partnership which continued until the death of the latter in 1894, at which time Richard A. Stevens and Edwin A. S. Lewis were admitted to partnership under the firm name of Besson, Lewis & Stevens. That association continued until 1898, when, at the request of Mr. Besson, the partnership was dissolved. In addition to the responsibilities of his large and important practice, Mr. Besson has been and still is identified with various enterprises which have profited by his legal knowledge and his excellent judgment. He is one of the managers of the Hoboken Bank for Savings and one of the originators of the Columbia Club, which he served as one of its first board of trustees. He also acted as counsel for the Hoboken Land and Improvement Company, the Hobo-

ken Ferry Company, and the First National Bank of Hoboken. He is a member of the Hudson County Bar Association, of which he was president in 1889, and has served as a member of the Hudson County General Republican Committee. He is a member of Euclid Lodge, No. 136, Free and Accepted Masons; and of Columbia Lodge, No. 63, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a past grand in the latter. He was appointed a United States Commissioner by the unanimous recommendation of all the Federal judges of New Jersey in 1913, and is still holding that office, functioning actively. His religious affiliation is with the First Presbyterian Church, which he served as a member of the board of elders from 1885 until 1923. When possible to obtain time from his professional activities, he gains much recreation from hunting and fishing.

Samuel A. Besson married Arabella Roseberry, daughter of Joseph M. and Sallie Roseberry, of Belvidere, New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Besson are the parents of two children: Henrietta and Harlan. His son, Harlan Besson, served with distinction as a captain of infantry in the 29th Division under General Charles G. Morton in the American Expeditionary Forces, and in October, 1918, was transferred to the Division Staff as assistant strategist on the 92nd Division Staff, then near Nancy, France. He returned home in February, 1919, and under General Orders No. 74, issued December 16, 1920, was put on the initial general staff eligible list of officers of the Regular Army National Guard and Officers' Reserve Corps. He was one of 600 officers selected for this purpose out of 6,000 officers. It is needless to say that the father takes great pride in the military record of his son, for the son was a volunteer and



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left a young wife and baby daughter to respond to his country's call, with his father's firm approval.

**PETERS, Mary Griffith,**

**Librarian.**

In Bayonne, New Jersey, those who patronize the public library are familiar with the fact that the genius in charge is Mary Griffith Peters and that she is most efficiently discharging the duties of her responsible position. Not so many, however, know of the careful training and the years of activity which prepared her for success as a librarian.

Mary Griffith Peters, daughter of Evan and Hannah (Parker) Peters, was born in Haddonfield, New Jersey, August 27, 1879, and after graduation from the Haddonfield High School continued study in the New Jersey State Normal School at Trenton, New Jersey. Later, while engaged in teaching, she took courses in literature and history at the University of Pennsylvania and summer courses in library economy at Amherst College and in the Library School of the New Jersey Public Library Commission. After graduation from the Trenton Normal School she began her professional career as a teacher in one of the grammar schools of Elizabeth, New Jersey, where she taught for two and a half years. At the end of that time she accepted a position in the hometown, Haddonfield, New Jersey, where she remained for six years, part of the time teaching in the grammar and high schools. In the summer of 1908 she was made an assistant librarian of the Bayonne Public Library. Nine months later she was promoted to the position of librarian, and during the fifteen years which have passed since that time she has given the reading public of Bayonne notably efficient service. She not

only knows the Bayonne Public Library thoroughly, but she knows the intellectual interests of the citizens of Bayonne. During the World War she rendered valuable service. She represented the American Library Association in the United War Work Campaign; assisted the draft board by taking charge of the occupational classification and questionairing, and had charge of the handling of all the books and magazines for the hospitals and ships in the military district in which Bayonne is located; had charge of canvass cards for Liberty Loan drives; and also served on the Federal Food Commission; she was chairman of the Committee on International Institutions for Foreign Born Women, and also active in the United States Employment Bureau of Bayonne.

Miss Peters is very active and influential in club affairs, and takes an active part in a large number of civic and educational projects. She was president of the Women's Club from 1920 to 1922; president of the Library Workers' Association, and of the Athena Club; secretary and treasurer of the Salvation Army Library Board; a member of the Board of directors of the Young Women's Christian Association; the Betterment Club; the New York State Library Club; the American Library Association; the New York Library Association; the North Jersey Alumni Association of the New Jersey Normal School; the Historical Society of Haddonfield; and of the Hudson County Tuberculosis League and of its Bayonne Auxiliary. It would be difficult to estimate the amount of valuable work which has been accomplished by this busy woman who has given a large share of her time to the community and to her profession in taking care of the needs of the reading public of Bayonne, New Jersey.

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**GOLDWEBER, William Meyer,**

**Jurist, Public Official.**

The outlining of the activities of William Meyer Goldweber as a part of the personal records of the region in which his life has been spent reveals a remarkably broad scope of interests and effective and rewarded effort in widely diversified fields. Belonging to the younger group of professional practitioners and men-of-affairs, he has made a wise and careful choice of those avocations and supplementary interests which round out a career of real service, and his name is associated with all that is best in citizenship.

Mr. Goldweber is a son of Max Isaac Goldweber, who was born in Warsaw, Poland, December 25, 1864, and came to the United States as a young man, settling in Bayonne, New Jersey. He was a pioneer merchant of Bayonne, establishing one of the first department stores of that city and continuing at its head until his death, which occurred in September, 1922. He married Helen Breiterman, who was also born in Warsaw in December, 1865, and still survives her husband. They had eleven children, all living, and gave them every opportunity in the country of their adoption. The young people in their turn are honoring their name and filling useful positions in life, four being optometrists, two lawyers, one a physician, and one a professor of music.

William Meyer Goldweber was born in New York City, July 4, 1886. His education was begun in the public schools of Bayonne, where the family removed in his childhood, and after his graduation from Public School No. 7, he entered the Bayonne High School, being graduated in due course. He is also a graduate of the New York State School of Optometry,

and the New York University Law School, from which latter institution he received both the Bachelor's and the Master's degree in law, and that of Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1909. His legal preparation included study in the offices of Roberson and Demarest, in Jersey City, and he was admitted to the New Jersey bar as an attorney in March, 1910, and as a counselor and master-in-chancery in July, 1916.

It was not, however, as a young man that Mr. Goldweber first entered the business world, for, when still a boy of eight years, he became interested in mercantile pursuits and started life peddling shoe strings and various notions. Thenceforward during the course of his education he spent his leisure time in business pursuits and for a number of years acted as advertising manager for his father. The Goldweber department store became an enterprise of such large proportions that William Meyer Goldweber devoted much of his time to its management until he was admitted to the bar.

Mr. Goldweber has occupied himself professionally chiefly with trial work and at the bar has won high standing. On October 16, 1922, he was introduced to the United States Supreme Court by General William H. Sears and admitted to practice before that tribunal, and he has also been admitted to the United States District courts in New York and New Jersey and the United States Circuit courts at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Political affairs have received his public-spirited attention and he has been the candidate of his party (the Republican) for Congress from the Eighth Congressional District, Assembly, and Freeholder. In 1912 he was an alternate delegate to the National Republican Convention, and being a close friend of Theodore Roosevelt, entertained that great American at his home

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during the following campaign. Mr. Goldweber was active in securing the enactment into law by the State Legislature of a bill requiring optometrists to secure a license before practicing in the State of New Jersey, his special interest in this question having its birth in his early studies.

Mr. Goldweber's extensive business identifications include the presidency of the Richland Fuel Company, operating in soft coal, gas and oil at Gibsonia, Pennsylvania, the presidency of the Lakewood Development Company, of New Jersey; the presidency of the Lawyers' Realty Company of America; and official and advisory capacities in numerous other corporations. Widely as he is known for his legal and business relations, his name is equally familiar in a broad circle for humanitarian and social service activity of proved value. He is vice-president of the National Helping Hand Association, whose object is the coördination of educational with punitive systems in American service, under the principle that proper aid and instruction will instil an appreciation of the privileges and responsibilities of good citizenship whose abuse had caused society to seek protection in imprisonment. Mr. Goldweber is also a member of the Cadets of Temperance, in which he has held the highest office on this continent, the most worthy patron of North America. He has contributed many articles to magazines on the subject of temperance and prison conditions, his writings bearing the stamp of earnestness and convincingly accurate knowledge. He also is a director for the Hebrew Home for the Aged, the Hebrew Orphan Asylum, of Hudson County, the Hebrew Free Cemetery Association, and the Hebrew Free Medical Aid Society.

During the World War Mr. Goldweber enlisted in May, 1917, and was assigned

to the Officers' Training Camp at Fort Myer, Virginia, and gave his entire time to the government throughout the war period, during much of the time being assigned to duty as a "four-minute" man. His previous military service had been in Company I, Fourth Regiment, New Jersey National Guard, from 1904 to 1909, and in this company he gained the rank of first lieutenant. He affiliates with True Craftsman Lodge, No. 652, Free and Accepted Masons, of New York City; and holds the thirty-second degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; also being a Shriner of Salaam Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. All of his Masonic associations are life-memberships, and he is also a life-member of Bayonne Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; a member, past chancellor, and past district deputy of the Knights of Pythias; and a member of the Young Men's Hebrew Association, Bayonne branch, of which he was formerly president. He is identified with the Talmud Toro and attends Temple Emanu-El, of Bayonne. Mr. Goldweber has always been an enthusiastic sportsman and athlete, and during his school years pitched for the high school baseball team and the Young Men's Hebrew Association team, later playing left half-back on the New York University football team and coaching the Bayonne High School football team. He was pitcher for the team of True Craftsman Lodge in the Masonic League of the Eastern States, the team from his lodge winning the pennant. In his youth, he was also a participant in track events, while he now finds recreation and athletic exercise chiefly in golf and hunting.

Mr. Goldweber married, in New York City, April 27, 1911, Esther Helen Koppelman, who was born in Chicago, Illinois, and is a graduate of the College of



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Pharmacy, Columbia University. Mrs. Goldweber is a daughter of Joseph and Gussie (Kolberg) Koppelman, her father a forester in the government service of Poland and an accountant after coming to the United States. Mr. and Mrs. Goldweber are the parents of two children: Joseph, born January 27, 1912; and Alexander Z., born March 13, 1917.

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### LUIPPOLD, Dr. Eugene J.,

**Physician.**

In Weehawken, New Jersey, Dr. Eugene J. Luippold has been in practice for over fifteen years. He is the son of the Rev. J. P. and Fredericka (Widmann) Luippold. Born in New York City, he attended the public schools in the various eastern cities in which his father had pastorates, and also the Northwestern College, of Illinois. He began his professional preparation in the Baltimore Medical College, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1907. He also served an internship in The Maryland General Hospital in Baltimore. For a number of years after opening an office in Weehawken, Dr. Luippold was associated with various hospitals, dispensaries and laboratories in New York City. For a long time he has been a member of the medical staff of the North Hudson Hospital. He is a member of the American Medical Association; the New Jersey State, and Hudson County Medical societies; and the North Hudson Physicians' Club.

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### COLLINS, Judge Gilbert, CORBIN, Charles L., CORBIN, William H.,

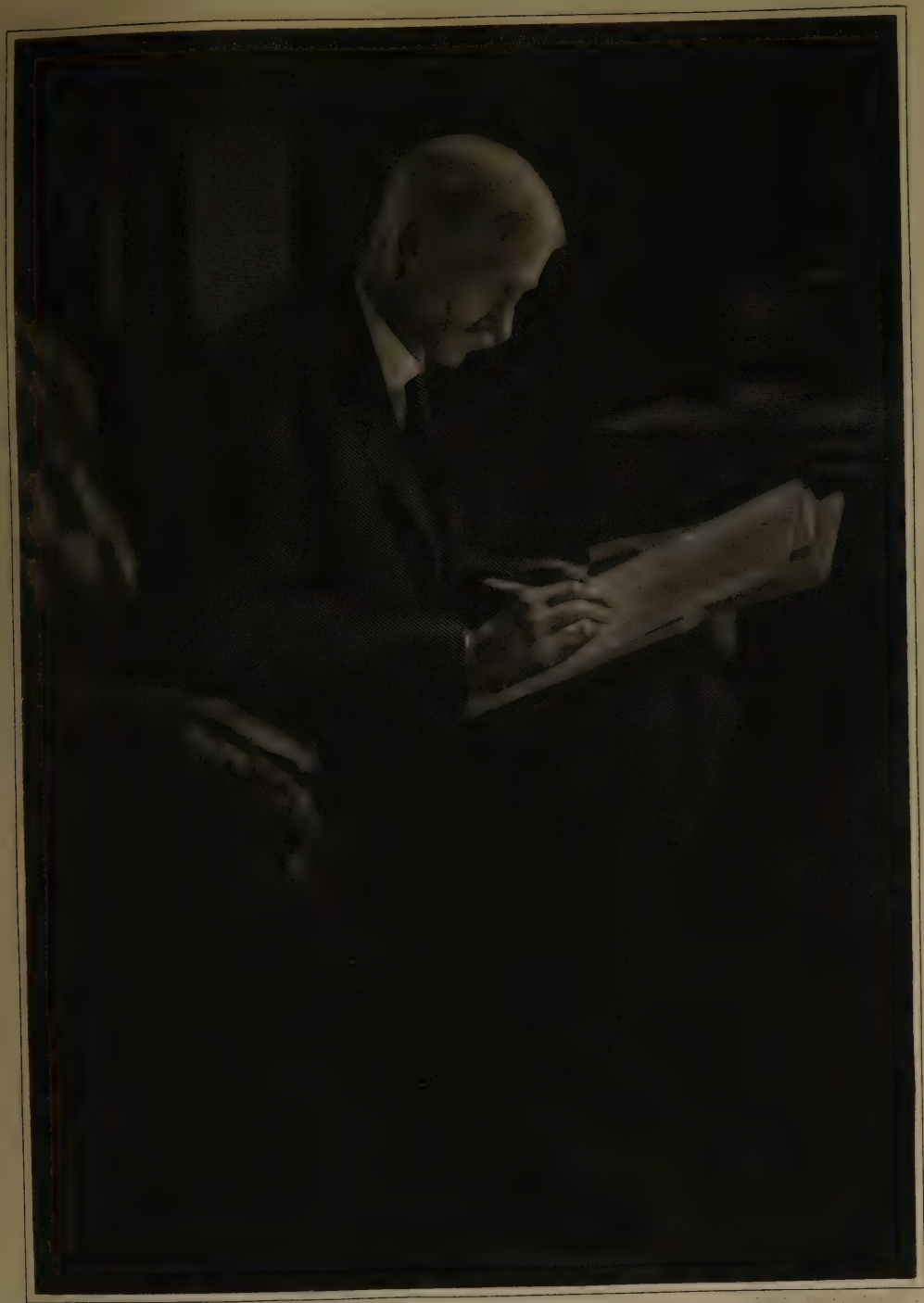
**Lawyers.**

The law firm of Collins & Corbin was originally formed by Gilbert Collins and

Charles L. Corbin in 1875. Both members of the firm, although young at that time, had achieved prominence in their profession.

Gilbert Collins was essentially an advocate, and much of his time was spent before the courts. He appeared in most of the important litigation in New Jersey during a long period of years; but, notwithstanding these demands, he carried on an extensive office practice. His friends and clients always found him courteous and considerate, and ready to help them. He had been aptly called by a prominent jurist "the most human of lawyers." Mr. Collins was mayor of Jersey City between the years 1884 and 1886. He was appointed an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey in the year 1897, and retired from the firm until the year 1903, when he resigned from the bench and rejoined his former colleagues. While on the bench his decisions were prompt, direct and concise. Judge Collins was also actively connected with the banks of Jersey City, being a director of the Hudson County National Bank and of The New Jersey Title Guarantee and Trust Company. He was also a director of the Prudential Insurance Company of America. He died on January 29, 1920, at the age of seventy-three years.

Charles L. Corbin was a student and a scholar, noted for his keenness of intellect and directness of expression. His manner was dignified and reserved. Like Mr. Collins, he often appeared before the courts in important litigation. In addition, his advice was much sought in matters involving legislation and statutory construction. He helped in the drafting of the general law for the taxation of railroad and canal properties in 1884, and in the preparation of the general condemnation act, the general act concerning railroads, the revision of the general tax

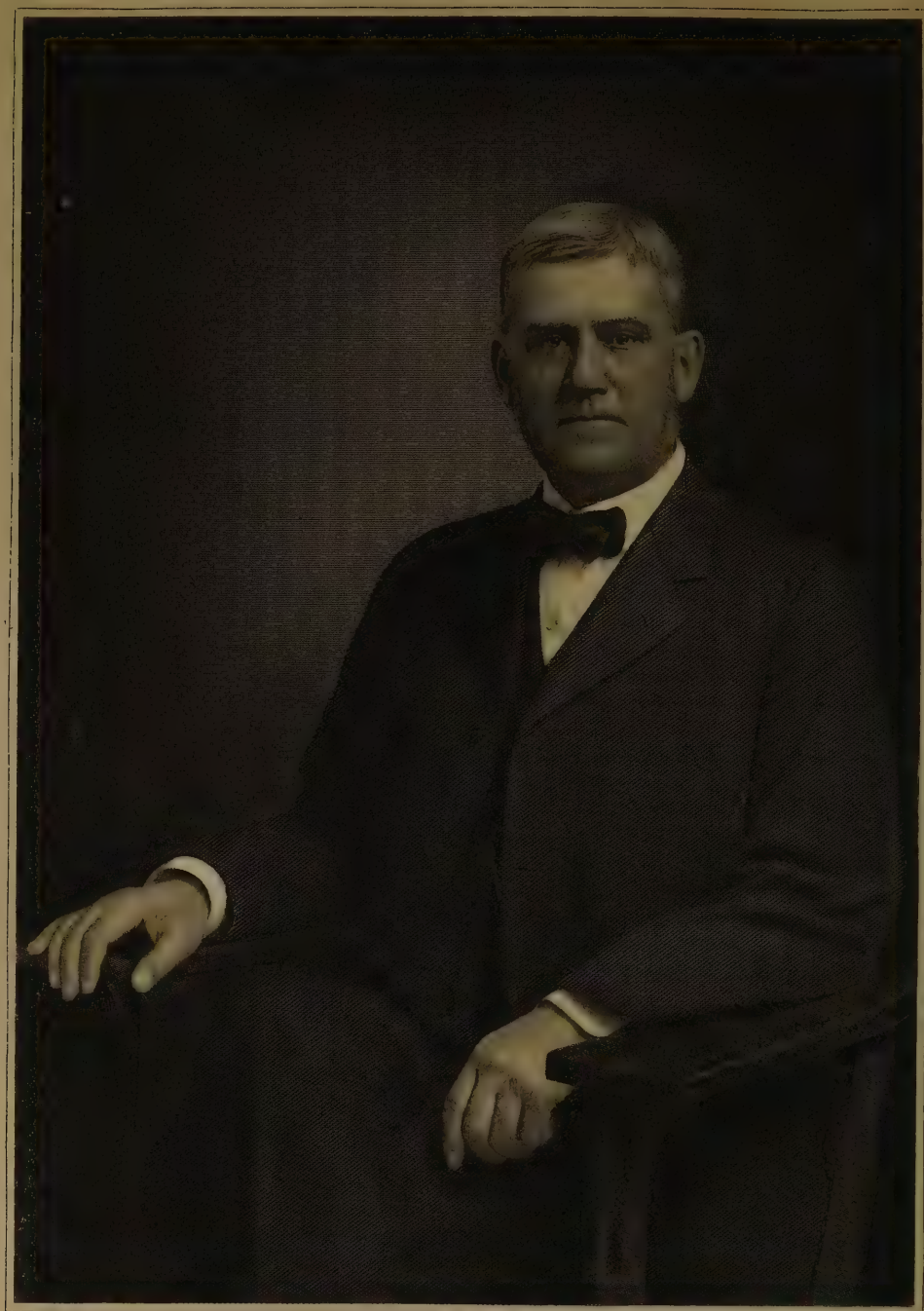


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act and the act regulating practice in the courts of law, which were passed in the years 1900 and 1903. Mr. Corbin handled most of the legal matters in New Jersey incidental to the building of the first tunnels under the Hudson river, now known as the Hudson tunnels. Although Mr. Corbin was active in the practice of law, he prepared and published an American edition of "Benjamin on Sales." He also revised and published two editions of the rules of the New Jersey courts. Mr. Corbin was one of the founders of the New Jersey Title Guarantee and Trust Company, and until his death was a director of that institution. He died on August 12, 1911, at the age of sixty-five years.

The firm was joined in the year 1881 by William H. Corbin, a younger brother of Charles L. Corbin. He was not only an able practitioner, but much interested in financial and business matters, having great constructive ability. Mr. Corbin was also active in State and civic affairs. He was a member of the New Jersey State Assembly in the years 1885, 1886 and 1887, being leader of his party in the House in the third year. He was appointed by Governor Abbott a member of the commission for erecting memorials to the New Jersey Troops on the battlefield of Gettysburg. When the election frauds in Hudson county were under investigation in 1890, Mr. Corbin represented the Legislative Committee at the hearings, as a result of which many offenders were convicted. In 1895 he was chief counsel of the Senate Investigation Committee of State House affairs, which resulted in much remedial legislation from Mr. Corbin's pen. He was also counsel for the Insurance Investigation Committee in 1906, and was prominent in the movement against race track gambling. He prepared the general act concerning corporations passed in the year 1896, under which

most of the modern corporations of the State were organized, and from 1881 down to 1908 he published fourteen editions of a manual on New Jersey corporations. In 1882, when a young man, he also published a book of forms which has been regarded as an authority in New Jersey. He supervised the legal affairs of the company which built the water works of Jersey City at Boonton, and helped in the proceedings for the elevation of the Erie railroad through the city. Mr. Corbin was one of the founders of and at his death was a director and president of the New Jersey Title Guarantee and Trust Company; he also was a director and vice-president of the Joseph Dixon Crucible Company; he also was a director of the First National Bank of Jersey City. He died September 25, 1912, at the age of sixty-one years.

Ralph B. Corbin, a son of Charles L. Corbin; Abel R. Corbin, a cousin of Charles L. Corbin; and William H. Corbin, and Charles B. Bradley, also studied law in the office of Collins & Corbin and became members of the firm. Ralph B. Corbin died in 1911, and Abel R. Corbin died in 1913. Mr. Bradley retired from the firm in the year 1917 to enter the naval service of the United States during the World War.

The three members of the original firm took a great interest in the welfare of the young men who entered their office as law students, and through their efforts in that direction, the business of the firm was carried on after they died. All of the present members of the firm studied law in the office of Collins & Corbin, and have been with the firm for many years. The firm now consists of Charles B. Hughes, George S. Hobart, Clement K. Corbin, Robert J. Bain, Edward A. Markley, and David A. Newton. Mr. Hughes entered the office in 1883, Mr. Hobart in 1895,



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Mr. Bain in 1896, Clement K. Corbin, a son of William H. Corbin, in 1902, Mr. Newton in 1909, and Mr. Markley in 1912.

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### **BUECHSE, William,**

**Commission Merchant.**

In commercial circles in West Hoboken, New Jersey, William Buechse has for many years been a leading figure, and for nearly thirty years has been at the head of a prosperous business as commission merchant, distributing butter and eggs to the wholesale trade. A native of Germany, but a resident of the United States for the past forty-three years, Mr. Buechse has been identified with the commercial progress of the Metropolitan district since coming to this country, and in his own success has contributed in a large degree to the general advance.

William Buechse was born at Braunschweig, Germany, March 14, 1866. His education was begun in the public schools of his native land, and he attended business school at Holzminden. At the age of fourteen years Mr. Buechse came to the United States, landing in New York City, where he secured a position in the business world and here he was active for a number of years. He settled permanently in Hoboken, New Jersey, in the year 1886, and followed mercantile activities here for many years, being interested in various enterprises. In the year 1894 the present butter and egg business was established on Hague street, and in the course of the intervening years he has developed a business of very extensive importance. This has come to eclipse all his other interests, and for a number of years he has devoted his attention solely to this enterprise. For many years Mr. Buechse has been a stockholder in the National Bank of North Hudson, also a

director, and served as vice-president in the years 1910 to 1914, inclusive. In public affairs he holds an independent position, lending his influence and support to any man or party in political affairs whom he believes fitted to serve the people. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Hoboken.

Mr. Buechse married, in West Hoboken, in 1889, Emma Hall, who was born in Switzerland, a daughter of George and Mary Hall, both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Buechse are the parents of three children: Emma; William; and Henry, all married, who will eventually succeed Mr. Buechse in his business.

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### **KOVEN, I(srael) George,**

**Lawyer.**

Mr. Koven was born in Russia, September 25, 1892, son of Solomon and Rebecca (Abrash) Koven. His father came to the United States in 1900, and two years later Mr. Koven emigrated to this country. The family home was established at Sacaucus, where Mr. Koven has resided since his arrival in America.

I. George Koven received his primary education in the public schools of Secaucus, and then took a course in a business school. He also attended a preparatory school to obtain the necessary preliminary education for admission to law school. In 1914 he entered New Jersey Law School, and was graduated from that institution of learning as a member of the class of 1917, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

During the World War Mr. Koven served in the United States Army. While in the army he passed the required examinations and was admitted to the New Jersey bar as attorney-at-law in June, 1918. He established himself in general practice at West Hoboken in 1919, and

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has continued to practice his profession in that town ever since. In June, 1921, he was admitted as a counselor-at-law.

Mr. Koven is a member of the New Jersey State Bar Association, the Hudson County Bar Association and the North Hudson Lawyers' Club. He also holds membership in the Lions Club of West Hoboken, Ezra Masonic Club and Craftsmen's Club of Secaucus, and is a member of Workmen's Circle, Branch No. 486. He belongs to Union Hill Lodge, No. 1357, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and holds membership in Ezra Lodge, No. 215, Free and Accepted Masons. Mr. Koven is unmarried.

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### **PETERSEN, Prof. Hans,**

#### **Head of Dancing Academy.**

For the past twenty-eight years Professor Hans Petersen has been adding to the enjoyment of life in Jersey City, New Jersey, by giving instructions in the Terpsichorean art, and as head of the private dancing academy located at No. 434 Hoboken avenue, Jersey City, he is well-known to a host of those who find pleasure in the world-old recreation known as dancing.

Christian Petersen, father of Professor Petersen, was born in Denmark, where he died in 1870, when his son Hans was but a child. He was master of a dancing academy, which, after his death, was conducted by other members of the family. He married Anna Elizabeth Roode, a native of Germany, who married (second) Edward Eilerson, came to this country and settled in Jersey City, in 1888, where she resided to the time of her death. Christian and Anna Elizabeth (Roode) Petersen were the parents of two sons: Martin, a well-known artist who resides in Nutley, New Jersey; and Hans, of fur-

ther mention. By her second marriage Anna Elizabeth (Roode-Petersen) Eilerson became the mother of the following children: Fron C., who is superintendent of the Knickerbocker Biscuit Company, of New York City; Sophia, who is very active in the Order of the Eastern Star, of which she is past matron, married August J. Lambert, of Jersey City; and Charles, who is a resident of Jersey City in the employ of the Pennsylvania railroad.

Professor Hans Petersen, son of Christian and Anna Elizabeth (Roode) Petersen, was born in Ville, Denmark, July 13, 1869. His parents removed to Silkeborg soon after his birth and there he was reared. When he was seventeen years of age he came to this country alone and settled in Jersey City, where he found employment for a time as clerk in a shoe store. His mother and her second husband had continued to conduct the dancing academy owned by Christian Petersen in Denmark, and the boy Hans had early become an adept in the art. After a time, he decided to follow his father's profession and began giving lessons in a room at the corner of Paterson and Pierce streets. That was twenty-eight years ago. He was not only a skilled dancer but he was also well acquainted with the business of conducting a dancing academy, and he rapidly built up a promising clientele. Some twenty years ago he removed to the neighborhood of "Five Corners," near his present location, and at various times he conducted seven different schools in Hudson county. In 1920 he came to his present location, at No. 434 Hoboken avenue, near the "Five Corners," Jersey City, and there Professor Petersen's Private Dancing Academy has been notably successful, attracting a steadily increasing patronage which includes many of the well-known residents

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of the city. He is himself an expert, and aided by his talented daughter, Evelyn, offers a course of instruction which gives abundant satisfaction to his numerous patrons. In addition to his responsibilities as head of a popular dancing academy, Professor Petersen has for the past twenty years conducted a wholesale tea and coffee business, selling throughout Hudson and Essex counties. Professor Petersen is a member of Eagle Lodge, No. 53, Free and Accepted Masons; of Triune Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and of Zem Zem Grotto.

Professor Petersen has married twice, and has a daughter by each marriage. Anna Ella married Henry Klie, a real estate dealer of Newark avenue, Jersey City; and Hannah Evelyn married Harry G. Pray, of Jersey City.

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### **GANNON, William Patrick,**

#### **Lawyer.**

As an associate of Judge Richard Doherty, of Jersey City, New Jersey, William Patrick Gannon is beginning his legal career, and there is every prospect that this opportunity for gaining recognition and making a substantial start in the field of legal achievement will be fully improved by the young practitioner.

John Gannon, father of William Patrick Gannon, was born in County Langford, Ireland, and came to this country nearly a half century ago. About 1878 he settled in Jersey City, where he was engaged as a brass worker, and where he is now living at the age of seventy-two years. He married Mary Doyle, a native of Ireland, who died in Jersey City, January 30, 1923, at the age of sixty-three years, and they were the parents of twelve children, of whom nine are living: Thomas; Anna, who married Daniel Walsh; Catherine, who married William

Brown; Margaret, who married Oscar Klanke; John H.; Mary, who married Francis J. O'Hare; Elizabeth, who married Raymond L. Johnson; Bernard, who married Annette Norris; and William Patrick, of further mention.

William Patrick Gannon, son of John and Mary (Doyle) Gannon, was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, August 25, 1897. After graduating from St. Patrick's Grammar School in June, 1912, he became a student in St. Peter's High School, from which he was graduated in 1916. He then entered St. Peter's College, where he continued his studies for two years, preparatory to entering upon his college course. He then matriculated in Fordham University, where he completed his academic studies with graduation in 1920, at which time he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. The following year he was engaged in teaching in St. Peter's High School, and at the same time he was continuing his studies in St. Peter's College, from which institution he received the degree of Master of Arts in 1921. He then entered the law school of Fordham University, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1923, and in April of the same year he was admitted to the bar of the State of New Jersey. He then became associated with Judge Richard Doherty, one of the well known practitioners and a former member of the bench of New Jersey, and in association with that widely experienced and eminently successful member of the profession he is now engaged in practice. Young, well prepared, energetic and able, there is every prospect that his legal career will be one of success and of noteworthy usefulness.

Politically, Mr. Gannon gives his support to the Republican party. He was a candidate for the office of freeholder in 1922, and was active in the campaign



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activities which resulted in the election of President Harding to the presidency. After the entrance of the United States into the World War, while he was still a student in Fordham University, he enlisted in the navy, and after being stationed for a time at Fordham University was transferred to and discharged from the Granite State training ship in December, 1918. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus; and the American Legion, Albert L. Quinn Post; and his religious affiliation is with St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church of Jersey City, New Jersey. Mr. Gannon is unmarried. During his college days he played on the football team, as well as the baseball and basketball team, and he has retained his interest in athletic sports. At the present time he finds recreation in an occasional sea voyage, in tennis and in sailing.

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### **DURRIE, William A., M. D.,**

#### **Physician.**

Since his graduation from medical college in 1878, Dr. Durrie has been in general practice in Jersey City, and the benefits he has conferred on his community are not to be measured alone by that service. He has been active in the civic life of the city, always standing for improved health conditions, and lending his support to all movements that are for the upbuilding and advance and the welfare of the people.

Dr. Durrie was born in Jersey City on June 11, 1855, son of William A. and Emma (Alling) Durrie, of Newark, New Jersey. Mrs. Durrie's family were among the first settlers of Newark, the Alling family being well known in the jewelry business of that city. Dr. Durrie's father was a graduate of Yale University, in both the academic and medical schools of that institution, and he practiced medi-

cine in Jersey City for thirty-seven years. He was the first homœopathic physician in Hudson county, and was the third president of the New Jersey State Homœopathic Medical Society.

Dr. Durrie, the son, was a graduate of Hasbrouck Institute, and received his A. B. degree in 1876 from Yale University. He attended the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia, and graduated from the New York Homœopathic Medical College in 1878. After being graduated, he established an office in Jersey City, where he has since been in practice along general lines. He is eighth in direct descent from William Bradford, first Colonial governor of Massachusetts.

Dr. Durrie is a member of the New Jersey State Homœopathic Medical Society, the Hudson County Medical Society, and he has been medical examiner for the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee for thirty-seven years. In his politics he is a Republican, and he has been interested in the progress and advance of his city, and supports all movements for its welfare and growth. He is a member of the Carteret Club, president of the University Club, and a member of the New Jersey Medical and the Machaon clubs. In his religious affiliation he is a member of the Bergen Reformed Church of Jersey City, having formerly, for forty years, been a member of the Park Reformed Church.

Dr. Durrie married, on December 19, 1878, at New Haven, Connecticut, Stella E. Nicoll, daughter of John Nicoll, M. D., and Cornelia (Comstock) Nicoll, both deceased. Dr. Nicoll was a prominent physician in New Haven, and was a descendant of an old family of that city. Dr. and Mrs. Durrie are the parents of a son, Clarence Nicoll, a graduate of Stevens Institute, and to-day (1923) vice-presi-

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dent of Hitchings & Company, greenhouse manufacturers and heating specialists, of Elizabeth, New Jersey. He married, in 1912, Louise Smith, of a prominent family of Elizabeth, New Jersey.

### **HOLLINGSHEAD, Rev. George Given,** **Clergyman.**

Among the active and public-spirited citizens of Jersey City, New Jersey, is Rev. George Given Hollingshead, who since 1915 has devoted his time and his ability to community and inter-church work.

Mr. Hollingshead was a grandson of Rev. James H. Hollingshead, who came to this country as a boy, and in 1840 settled in Pittsburgh. Among the children of James H. Hollingshead was Rev. John S. Hollingshead, who was born in Pennsylvania, October 12, 1860, and is now living in Rock Creek, Ohio, where he is pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church. Rev. John S. Hollingshead married Emma Given, who was born in Ireland, and they are the parents of seven children, all living: Rev. George Given, of further mention; Ella W.; James W.; Frank E.; Paul E.; Philip B.; and John A.

Rev. George Given Hollingshead was born in Muskingum county, Ohio, November 1, 1886. He removed with his parents to other towns in Eastern Ohio, where his father served as pastor. In the public schools he received his early preparatory education, and then became a student in Franklin College, at New Athens, Ohio, from which he was graduated in 1907. He was now ready to begin his professional study, and he matriculated in Drew Theological Seminary, at Madison, New Jersey, from which he was graduated in 1911. After graduation, he further prepared for service as a pastor by taking post-graduate work at Colum-

bia University. Meantime, in 1909, he had been ordained, and his first charge was at East Liverpool, Ohio, where he remained for one year, and then returned to Scotch Plains, New Jersey, where he ministered to a small congregation for two years. At the end of that time came a call to a larger field of service. He was made assistant pastor of the Roseville Methodist Episcopal Church, at Newark, where he served for two years, winning the esteem of the parishioners of the Roseville church. His next call took him to Fort Lee, New Jersey, and when that pastorate ended, he entered upon his present work as pastor of the St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, in Jersey City. He had become deeply interested in the community movement, and in inter-church work, and in Jersey City organized the Good Will Community Center, located at the corner of Jersey avenue and Third street. As the activities of the Center widened, Mr. Hollingshead also organized the Good Will Industries of New Jersey. He has been especially successful in this interesting and modern field of labor, and has won, in a very high degree, the esteem of all with whom he has been associated. His wide sympathies reach out not only to his own denomination, but to those of other religious belief as well. He has been especially interested in the Inter-Church World Movement, and during the special campaign made under that name he served as superintendent of the city surveys. Every man must have some recreation if he is to accomplish well his work, and Mr. Hollingshead finds healthful out-of-door exercise in playing golf. He is a member of the Montclair Golf and Country Club, and, fraternally, he is affiliated with the Masonic order, and with Gamma Sigma. He also finds recreation of another type in writing verse. Few men in



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Jersey City are better known or more highly esteemed than is Mr. Hollingshead among those with whom he is associated, and the service he is rendering is fully appreciated not only by those who are associated with him in the work, but by others who see the results of his activities.

At Newark, New Jersey, April 15, 1915, Rev. George Given Hollingshead married Ethelwyn A. Pell, who was born in Newark, daughter of Charles H. (deceased) and Evelyn (Drake) Pell, the latter of whom is now living in Orange, New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Hollingshead are the parents of two children: Ruth, who was born September 7, 1916; and Pell, who was born September 5, 1918.

### DOHERTY, Richard.

#### **Lawyer, Ex-Judge.**

One of the very well known members of the legal profession in Jersey City is Richard Doherty, who, in addition to taking care of a very large and important private practice, has served as presiding judge of the Hudson Court of Common Pleas and as judge of the Circuit Court. He is now engaged in general practice, with offices in the New Jersey Title and Trust building, Jersey City, New Jersey. William Doherty, father of Richard Doherty, was born in Ireland, and died in Jersey City, March 12, 1905, at the age of seventy-four years. He married Mary Holland, a native of New York City, who died in Jersey City, June 7, 1886, and they were the parents of eight children, of whom the following three are living: Nellie D., who married Dr. John Nevin, who is engaged in practice in Jersey City, and is a member of the board of directors of the City Hospital; Mary R., who married Thomas F. O'Gorman, of Nutley, New Jersey; and Richard, of further mention.

Richard Doherty, son of William and Mary (Holland) Doherty, was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, February 26, 1874. He received his early education in the Catholic Institute of Jersey City, and after his graduation from that institution became a student in St. Peter's, from which he went to St. Francis Xavier College, of New York City. His course there was completed with graduation in 1891, and the following fall he began his professional studies in the New York Law School, from which he was graduated in 1894. He was admitted to the New Jersey State bar in the same year and began his practice at once, locating at No. 76 Montgomery street, from which location he removed to No. 586 Newark avenue, where he remained until the time of his removal to his present location, in the New Jersey Title and Trust building, in Jersey City. Mr. Doherty devoted his energies to the building of an important clientele and was notably successful in general practice. He has always been interested in public affairs, however, and from 1917 to the present time he has taken an active part in bearing the responsibilities of public office. In 1917 he was appointed by Governor Edge as military instructor to expound to the officers of the county the requirements of the registration law. This was his particular contribution to the active work of World War service during this period, and so well did he perform his duties and obligations, that on January 8, 1918, Governor Edge appointed him presiding judge of the Hudson County Court of Common Pleas. That official and professional position he filled most efficiently until August 1, 1922, when he was appointed by Governor Edwards to fill the position of judge of the Circuit Court of New Jersey. When he retired from the bench, March 1, 1922, he at once resumed practice in Jersey

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City. Politically he gives his support to the Republican party, and in 1920 he served as a delegate to the National Convention, where he made a speech, recommending Hiram Johnson for President. Mr. Doherty has established for himself an enviable reputation as an able and resourceful advisor and an effective advocate, as well as an able and conscientious judge. Both among his many clients and among his professional associates he has won high esteem, and his personal friends in Jersey City are legion.

On June 27, 1911, Richard Doherty married Anna F. Marron, and they became the parents of twelve children, five pairs of twins, and a son and a daughter, born, each with a birthday of his and her own. Of these, five boys and four girls are living: Mary and Eileen (twins); Richard; William, who is the survivor of two boy twins; Adrian and Marron (twins); Paul and Rosemary (twins); and Virginia.

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### CAREY, Thomas F.,

#### Public Official.

Assessor for the city of Hoboken, New Jersey, under Mayor Gonzales, Mr. Carey has long been prominently identified with the business, social, and political life of the community. He was born at Jersey City, August 5, 1874, son of Patrick and Ann (Golden) Carey. His parents were residents of Jersey City, and Mr. Carey spent his boyhood in that city.

Mr. Carey received his education in the parochial schools of Jersey City, and after having completed his preparatory studies at St. Peter's School, he proceeded to St. Peter's College. He was anxious to enter upon a business career, and accordingly availed himself of an opening in the office of A. M. Bruggemann, of Hoboken, a well-known insurance agent. He found

this work extremely interesting, and has never regretted the decision that led him to enter the insurance field. He remained with Mr. Bruggemann for a short time, and then went to New York City, where he was for some time associated with a prominent insurance firm. In 1899 he decided that the time had come for him to establish an independent business of his own. He resigned his position in New York, and entered into partnership with his brother, P. J. Carey. Together, the brothers opened an office in Hoboken, adopting the firm name of Carey Brothers, and dealing in insurance of the highest type. Their business prospered, and at the present time the firm transacts a very large volume of business yearly. They represent some of the most prominent national insurance companies, and are expert in the law of insurance and the nature of the policies required to cover risks of every kind.

In politics Mr. Carey is a Republican, and held office as assessor of the city during the administration of Mayor Gonzales. He is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and also belongs to the Loyal Order of Moose. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus, and is an active worker for the aims of this organization.

On September 5, 1900, Mr. Carey married, at Hoboken, Julia A. O'Toole, daughter of John and Julia (Whalen) O'Toole. Mr. and Mrs. Carey have one child, Anna R. Carey.

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### JOYCE, Charles A.,

#### Realtor.

A public-spirited man, serving his community in official as well as in his citizenship capacity, Mr. Joyce follows in the footsteps of his father, who also gave years of public service to the city and county in which he resided.



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Charles A. Joyce was born on July 20, 1880, at Jersey City, New Jersey, son of David C. and Nora (Flanagan) Joyce, both deceased, the mother having passed away on July 26, 1916. In the late seventies and early eighties the father was a Democratic leader in Jersey City, and also served on the Board of Aldermen for three years. He was elected police commissioner in 1877, and served in this capacity for three terms. He was a member of the Board of Freeholders of Hudson county for three years, and was appointed by the Board of Freeholders as jailor of the county jail, dying on March 5, 1887, while still serving in this latter capacity. He had been in the mercantile and real estate business, had always been active in civic matters, and lent his aid for the betterment and improvement of the city's conditions and welfare. He passed away, honored and respected in the community.

Charles A. Joyce was educated at St. Joseph's Parochial School, of Jersey City, and later attended St. Peter's College, of the same place. Upon the completion of his education in 1897, he became associated with the furniture establishment of John Mullins' Company, of Jersey City, and remained here for three years, until 1900. He then went with the realty department of the New Jersey Title and Guarantee Company, serving as appraiser, having taken a special course in real estate law, in preparation for his position. He remained here for twelve years, and in 1912 he entered the real estate business on his own account, in which he continues to-day, as a member of the firm of Buckley-Joyce Company, realtors, with offices at No. 854 Bergen avenue, Jersey City. His varied experience stood Mr. Joyce in good stead, and his concern has moved on to substantial success. He has always found

time to take an interest in the civic conditions of his city, and is to-day tax expert in the Department of Revenue and Finance of Jersey City. He is a Democrat in his politics; and is a member of Jersey City Lodge, No. 211, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce, of Jersey City, and in his religious affiliation is a member of the St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, of Jersey City.

Mr. Joyce married, on October 14, 1917, in Brooklyn, New York, Helen Carroll, and they are the parents of two children: Robert C., and Rita.

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### RIVETTI, Dante,

**Lawyer.**

One of the successful members of the legal profession in Hudson county, New Jersey, is Dante Rivetti, of West Hoboken, who since 1907 has been engaged in general practice there. Mr. Rivetti is well prepared for his work, having received two degrees from the New York University Law School, and is well known as an able and resourceful attorney and counselor.

Though a native of Italy, where he was born July 30, 1882, son of Vitali and Secondina (Carta) Rivetti, Mr. Rivetti is in the full sense of the word an American. He came to this country with his parents in 1888, when he was six years of age, and in the public schools of West Hoboken and of Northampton, Massachusetts, received his early and preparatory training. He then entered the law school of New York University, from which he was graduated in 1907, with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. The following year, 1908, he received from the same institution the degree of Master of Laws, and in the same year was admitted to the New

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York State bar. The following year, 1909, he was admitted to the bar of the State of New Jersey, as attorney. He engaged in practice as an attorney in West Hoboken, and in 1913 was admitted to the New Jersey bar as counselor. From 1909 to the present time (1923) he has been continuously and successfully engaged in practice there. He has built up a large and important clientele, and has won a reputation as an able lawyer and an effective advocate. In addition to the responsibilities of his large practice, Mr. Rivetti is active in civic affairs and is well known in fraternal circles. Politically he gives his support to the Democratic party. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 1357, of Union Hill; of Dorick Lodge, No. 86, Free and Accepted Masons, of West Hoboken; of the Independent Order of Foresters; and of the Woodmen of the World. He is also a member of the North Hudson Lawyers' Club.

On February 25, 1914, at West Hoboken, New Jersey, Dante Rivetti married Ines Lora, daughter of Lawrence and Emma Lora, and they are the parents of three children: Emma; Adele; and Dante, Jr. The family residence is at No. 114 Summit avenue, West Hoboken, New Jersey.

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### RICKENS, John,

#### Real Estate Operator.

Formerly engaged as a pattern-maker, and now widely known as a dealer in real estate, Mr. Rickens is a native son of Hoboken, New Jersey. He was born in that city on May 23, 1881, and received his education in the public schools.

Mr. Rickens is a son of the late Henry Rickens, who was a well-known contractor and builder, and an early resident of

Hoboken. His son John, the subject of this article, learned the contracting business from his father, and it is that experience that taught him the value of construction and property. He then decided to enter his present field of action, having a natural instinct for property values and being a good judge of market tendencies, and in 1904 established himself as an independent dealer in real estate. He has been increasingly successful in this branch of business, and his present offices are at No. 95 Washington street, in one of the best business districts of the city. He deals in real estate of all kinds, and acts as agent for several nationally known insurance companies. In addition, he holds the office of notary public and commissioner of deeds.

Mr. Rickens also is one of the organizers of each of two building and loan associations, namely, the Guardian Building and Loan, of Hoboken, and the Secaucus Building and Loan, and has been a director in each since their organization; he also is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Real Estate Board of New Jersey, and various other organizations. In politics, Mr. Rickens is an Independent. He takes a great interest in the welfare of the community and is a ready supporter of all constructive civic or social movements.

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### LAUCKNER, Oscar O.,

#### Real Estate and Insurance Operator.

President of the firm of O. O. Lauckner, Inc., dealers in real estate and insurance, Mr. Lauckner established the business twenty-five years ago in New York City, where he still maintains an office. He was born in Jersey City, January 4, 1868, son of Bernard and Kate (Hoffman) Lauckner, both his parents now deceased.







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His father was an importer of art and a publisher on that subject, and was widely known in business and artistic circles.

Oscar O. Lauckner received his education in the public schools of Jersey City. After having completed the preliminary course of study, he proceeded to the Hoboken Academy, from which he was graduated. He began his business career immediately after his graduation by accepting a position in the office of a firm dealing in lumber in New York City, maintaining this connection for a period of five years, during which time he acquired a thorough knowledge of business methods and of the commercial and industrial life of the country. He then decided that the real estate and insurance field had greater possibilities to offer him than any other, so left his position with the lumber firm of W. E. Park and formed a connection with a New York insurance company. He devoted himself to the study of insurance methods and problems in his new position, and made rapid progress. After filling various responsible positions he was appointed manager of the New York Company, which position he continued to hold for seventeen years. At length, in 1897, Mr. Lauckner decided to establish an independent business, and he therefore resigned, to the deep regret of all his associates.

After his resignation from the New York company, Mr. Lauckner opened an office in New York City and began to accept commissions for the placing of insurance of all kinds. His long experience and thoroughly tested ability enabled him to achieve a substantial success from the very beginning. He became a general agent for several prominent insurance companies, and before long decided to enlarge the scope of his business by establishing a branch office at Hoboken, this

additional venture proving no less successful than the first. He also deals in real estate, and his firm, which was incorporated, has transacted many important commissions in this field.

Mr. Lauckner was formerly a director of the Commonwealth Bank of West Hoboken. He is an Independent in politics, and has served the community as commissioner of the Board of Health, holding office in that capacity for three or four years. In religious faith he is a Lutheran, and takes a great interest in the activities of the parish. He is a Mason, and has been a member of West Hoboken Lodge, No. 86, for the past twenty-five years. Mr. Lauckner also holds membership in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, at Hoboken, and belongs to the Geographical Society, in the work of which he takes the keenest interest. Apart from these fraternal organizations and societies, he belongs to the Union Club of Hoboken, of which he is an active member. Mr. Lauckner is unmarried.

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### RENDALL, Robert John,

#### **Bank President.**

One of the representative citizens of Jersey City, New Jersey, is Robert John Rendall, who since the year 1918 has been president of the Hudson City Savings Bank, an important institution in the financial circles of Jersey City and Hudson county. Like many of the residents of Jersey City, Mr. Rendall's business interests are not confined to one municipality, for, in addition to his many duties at the bank, he is also a member of an important New York City business concern.

Mr. Rendall is of Scotch birth, a native of Edinburgh, and a son of Robert Grey Rendall, a captain in the British Marine

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Service, and of Jane (Brown) Rendall. He came to this country at the age of twenty, having attended the public schools and completed his preparation for an active career by a course in an Edinburgh academy. He entered the employ of an old-established firm of importers, Charles G. Landon & Company, of New York City, advancing to junior partner, and eventually becoming the head of the establishment, at which time the firm name was changed to that of R. J. Rendall & Company. For many years now Mr. Rendall has been a resident of Jersey City, and his business activities have identified him with the Hudson City Savings Bank, of which he is now (1923) president and senior member of the board of directors. The genesis, establishment and early history of the bank have been told in detail in another volume of this work. Including the present incumbent, there have been six presidents of the Hudson City Savings Bank, beginning with Garret D. Van Reipen, whose first term of office was from April 23, 1868, to August 15, 1868, and whose second term was from the year 1873 to 1899. In succession they were: Benjamin F. Sawyer, 1868-73; John Headden, Jr., 1899-1909; A. A. Franck, 1909-14; John Headden, Jr., 3rd, 1914-17; and Robert John Rendall, the subject of this record, who, at the present time, is starting on his seventh year as president of the bank, having taken over the duties of that office on January 10, 1918. The bank was first opened for business in offices in the "Avenue House," five years later purchasing the property at No. 659 Newark avenue at a cost of \$2,500 and removing there into larger quarters. Due to the sound and careful policies and the efficient management of the early presidents, the bank easily survived the panics of

1873, 1896, and 1907, which wrought such general financial havoc throughout the United States. In March, 1918, under the régime of Mr. Rendall, the bank celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. Mr. Rendall, who had been a director of the bank since 1901, brought to his new office of president a great financial acumen gained by his years of experience. During the late World War the Hudson City Savings Bank sold its full quota of bonds on all Liberty Loan drives and the Victory Loan drive, in addition to purchasing over a half-million dollars' worth of bonds for themselves. They were also very instrumental in relieving the financial conditions of the poor of Jersey City by making loans.

Shortly before the end of the year 1918, Mr. Rendall saw the necessity for moving into larger and more suitable quarters, and purchased the property at No. 587 Summit avenue through the medium of the New Jersey Title Guarantee and Trust Corporation, the cost of the property being \$62,500. Additional expenses of \$77,883.34 for renovating and preparing the building for banking purposes, and of \$13,822.32 for new and modern furniture and office equipment, brought the total cost of the transaction up to \$154,205.66. On December 6, 1920, the bank entered its new quarters and was successful from the very first day. During the balance of December, 1920, there was a gain of sixty-four savings accounts; in 1921, an increase of 476; and in 1922 a great gain of 1,316 savings accounts. On January 1, 1923, the market value surplus of the bank was \$400,000 as against \$378,221.61 on September 16, 1922.

In the latter part of 1921 the management of the Hudson City Savings Bank, with the coöperation of the Board of Education, adopted a novel school savings



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plan by placing automatic stamp machines in Dickinson High School. Similar machines were later placed in many of the local factories. Complete success attended both movements. In December, 1921, the bank started a Christmas Club, which has also proved to be a successful venture. Robert John Rendall's work as president of the Hudson City Savings Bank has been characterized throughout by ability, good judgment and unusual efficiency.

Politically Mr. Rendall gives his support to the Democratic party. Fraternally he is a member of Bergen Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Jersey City; Salaam Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and Lodge No. 211, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is very active in club circles, holding membership in the Cartaret Club, which organization he served as president from 1921 to 1923; the Glen Ridge Country Club; the Rockaway River Country Club; the Manhattan Club of New York City; the Kiwanis Club, of which he has been president; and the Five Corners' Association, which he serves as president. In October, 1923, Mr. Rendall was elected district governor of Kiwanis for the State of New Jersey, one of the twenty-eight international districts in the Kiwanis Club. He is also president of the J. C. Harsminus Cemetery Association. Mr. Rendall's religious affiliation is with the Westminster Presbyterian Church, which he has served as a member of the board of trustees continuously since the year 1892, and as president since 1894. He is also a member of the board of elders, and president of the Presbytery of Jersey City.

Mr. Rendall has won the confidence and esteem of both his business associates and his personal friends, and through his

church connections is rendering an additional service of great value to the community which he has for so long a time served in so many varied, but always constructive, ways.

Robert John Rendall was married, on April 30, 1894, to Margaret Banks, daughter of James and Margaret Banks. Mr. and Mrs. Rendall are the parents of two children: Floyd Granville, and Gladys, the latter of whom died in 1911.

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### **RANKER, Joseph,**

**Lawyer, World War Veteran.**

A veteran of the World War, and a member of the New Jersey State bar, Mr. Ranker has been engaged in the practice of his profession since June, 1919, maintaining an office at West Hoboken and also one in Jersey City. He was born at Jersey City, July 30, 1894, son of Sebastian and Elizabeth (Fechtemoller) Ranker. Both of his parents are natives of New York City, his father engaged in the lithographing business.

Mr. Ranker received his preliminary education in the public schools of his native city. He attended Public School No. 7, and later was a student at Public School No. 28, from which he was graduated. When his grammar school studies were completed, he enrolled as a student in the general high school classes conducted by the Young Men's Christian Association, and thus acquired his high school training. He also completed a course of business study at Eagan's Business School, and the thorough commercial and business training he received there has stood him in good stead ever since, although his destiny did not lie in the field of commerce or business. While he was engaged in his preparatory studies, he decided to enter the legal profession

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and, in pursuance of this decision, he became a student at the New York Law School when his high school studies were completed. He continued his studies until he had completed the full course of study, although the period of his military service intervened and necessitated a break in his attendance at the law school. In June, 1919, having passed the prescribed examinations, he was admitted to the New Jersey State bar as an attorney-at-law, and three years later, in June, 1922, he advanced to the rank of counselor-at-law. Immediately upon his admission to the bar, he established himself in practice at Jersey City and at West Hoboken, maintaining an office in each of these places. He has been remarkably successful, and has established a record as an experienced and progressive lawyer, devoted to his clients' interests and sparing no pains to advance them in every possible way.

Mr. Ranker is a member of the Hudson County Bar Association, and takes the greatest interest in the work of this body, supporting it in its efforts to maintain the highest standards of professional ethics among its members. He also belongs to the North Hudson Lawyers' Club, and to the Lions Club, of West Hoboken. He holds the position of attorney for the Hilltop Building and Loan Association, and takes an active interest in the expansion of the community and the increase of prosperity among all classes. In politics he is a Republican. On May 12, 1917, he enlisted in the United States army, and was assigned to service at the Quartermasters' Headquarters at West Point, New York. Later, he was transferred to the Infantry Training School at Camp Gordon, Georgia, where he remained until his discharge from the service on December 1, 1918. In religious faith, Mr. Ranker is a member of the Lutheran church, of

Jersey City. He and his family take a deep interest in church affairs, and he holds membership in the Lutheran Society of New York.

Mr. Ranker married on June 1, 1921, in New York City, Frances A. Brand, daughter of Max J. and Catherine (Klovekorn) Brand. Mrs. Ranker was born at Jersey City, January 16, 1895. Her father was a native of Germany, and her mother was born in New York City. Mr. and Mrs. Ranker have one son, Joseph Ranker, Jr., who was born at Jersey City, June 11, 1922.

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### KOSTER, Charles Francis,

**Insurance and Real Estate Operator.**

In 1882 Charles F. Koster, of 656 Park avenue, Weehawken, New Jersey, entered the insurance field, being then a lad of fifteen years. From that time until the present, a period of forty-two years, he has remained in that business, to which a quarter of a century later he added a real estate business, his agency in both departments being large and prosperous. Mr. Koster is one of the best known of the business men of Weehawken, his interests, large and important, including the presidency of the Park Trust Company. He is a son of Albert and Margaret Koster, both living, at the age of eighty-four years, the father, a veteran of the Civil War, having served in the First Regiment Massachusetts Artillery; he is also a Past Commander of Ellsworth Post, Grand Army of the Republic.

Charles Francis Koster was born in New York City, December 11, 1867, and was educated there in the public schools, finishing in high school at the age of fifteen years. He then secured a position in an insurance company's office, beginning May 5, 1882. He developed a business of

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his own later, and conducted it successfully, and on September 10, 1910, added to it a real estate department, his offices being located at 656 Park avenue, Weehawken. He is the organizer, president, and director of the Park Trust Company of Weehawken; a director and secretary of the Fidelity Building and Loan Association, which he organized in 1913; a director and secretary of the New York & New Jersey Mausoleum Company; and a director of the Capitol Theatre Amusement Company.

Mr. Koster served Weehawken as justice of the peace, and member of the Board of Education. He is a member and past commander of the Christian Woerner Camp, No. 1, of Hoboken, New Jersey, Sons of Veterans; is a member of Weehawken Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and of the Exempt Firemen's Association, of Weehawken, New Jersey.

He married, in Hoboken, New Jersey, November 9, 1892, Sena M. Rohrs, daughter of John H. and Anna Rohrs, her parents both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Koster are the parents of three children: Charles Francis; Edyth M.; and Beatrice A.

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### CORDTS, Frank H., Sr.,

#### Merchant.

As president of the Frank Cordts Furniture Company, one of the most important concerns in its field in Hudson county, New Jersey, Frank H. Cordts, Sr., of Hoboken, New Jersey, is numbered among the largely successful men of this county, and his name carries wide influence over an extensive territory. Coming to the United States as a young man from his native Germany, Mr. Cordts has won his way in a strange country to

a position of honor and usefulness in the place of his adoption.

Frank H. Cordts, Sr., was born at Schulau, Holstein, Germany, December 20, 1863. His education was acquired in the burgerschule of his native city, where he gained a practical foundation for the responsibilities of his later life. His father was a sea-faring man, and the early ambitions of the lad were doubtless governed by this fact. He entered the employ of the Hamburg-American Steamship Company, and, after about a year of service, was honorably discharged at the New York office of the company. Various activities interested him for a time, but in 1885 he settled permanently in Hoboken, New Jersey. At once securing employment in a grocery store, he was active along this line for a considerable period, commanding the esteem and confidence of his employers by his strict attention to business and his courteous and deferential manner. His next step was to go into business for himself, establishing a bread route. This he carried forward for about six months, when an opportunity offered to enter his present field. He became the proprietor of a small furniture store, then located at No. 76 Washington street, in Hoboken. The growth of the interest was definite and steady from the first, and within a few years Mr. Cordts found it necessary to arrange for expansion. A large store was erected at No. 111 Washington street, a spacious building with four floors above. The entire building was devoted to the sale of furniture and floor coverings. With the continued growth of the business, the splendid emporium at the corner of Second and Washington streets was erected, this being a six-story structure of substantial, modern construction. Only a decade and a half passed before the building was inadequate



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for the business, and another fine new building rose as a monument to the industry and perseverance of Frank H. Cordts. This great structure, at the location now known as No. 130 Washington street, has a very extensive ground area, enabling the concern to arrange show rooms to the very best advantage. With four floors and basement, they have a very extensive frontage on Washington street, and the building extends through to Bloomfield street, another wing reaching through to Second street, all in use for show rooms, the warehouses being located at Nos. 608-10-12 Clinton street. This concern is probably the largest and most comprehensively modern organization of its kind in this section west of the Hudson river. The Frank Cordts Furniture Company was incorporated May 25, 1900, under the laws of the State of New Jersey, Mr. Cordts being president of the company. Their trade is by no means limited to this immediate vicinity. The company's motor delivery equipment places a very wide territory at their doors and practically every day they deliver the entire length of Manhattan and Brooklyn.

Mr. Cordts is a member of the Hoboken Chamber of Commerce, and is deeply interested in all public progress, politically holding independent convictions. Fraternally he is widely prominent, and his genial presence is welcomed in every circle. He is a member of Hudson Lodge, No. 71, Free and Accepted Masons; Hoboken Lodge, No. 74, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Royal Arcanum, Council No. 99; also Garfield Lodge, No. 27, Knights of Pythias. He has other interests of a social nature, and is affiliated with the Plattdeutscher Volksfest Verein, of New York City; the Fritz Reuter Altenheim Gesellschaft, the New York Schuetzen Corps, the Hoboken In-

dependent Schuetzen Corps, and many other organizations. Mr. Cordts is a self-made man in the highest and truest sense of the word, and with his affable nature, which is the expression of a deeply benevolent and broadly progressive spirit, he has made countless friends both in the business world and in the social circles of the day. He is a thoroughly representative citizen of Hudson county.

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### McMAHON, Aloysius,

Lawyer.

In the year of his graduation from the New York Law School, 1898, Mr. McMahon began the practice, in Jersey City, that twenty-five years later, gives him rank among the leading legal practitioners of the district. He is a son of Thomas and Margaret (Donovan) McMahon, his father a native of County Monaghan, Ireland, who settled first in Staten Island, and, about 1876, in Jersey City, where he became a commission merchant, selling farm and garden produce. He married, May 20, 1873, Margaret Donovan, who was born in London, England, of Irish parents, coming to New York City about 1872.

Aloysius McMahon was born at the family home on Third street, Jersey City, New Jersey, July 24, 1877, and was educated in the public schools, completing his course in Public School No. 4, in 1892, and in the Jersey City High School in 1896. Matriculating at the New York Law School he received his degree in the class of 1898, and was admitted to the New Jersey bar as an attorney, and later as a counselor, in 1902. His professional work has followed general lines at the New Jersey and New York bar, the right of practice in New York courts being granted him November 12, 1900. Mr.

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McMahon is a Democrat, and when he entered public office it was in the capacity, for which his training gave him ample qualifications, of assistant district attorney. He has a large practice, and has won a reputation that is based upon proved ability and professional training equal to the heavy demands that have been made upon it. Mr. McMahon fraternizes with Jersey City Lodge, No. 211, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and the Knights of Columbus, of which he has severed as district deputy. His clubs are the Elks' and Columbian. He is known as a public-spirited citizen interested in everything bearing upon the common good, and a ready supporter of progressive movements. He is a communicant of St. Aloysius' Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. McMahon married, at Abington, Massachusetts, September 18, 1912, Anna C. Fitzgerald, daughter of Patrick and Elizabeth (Hodnutt) Fitzgerald, and they are the parents of the following children: Robert Emmet, born December 30, 1913; Betty, born September 27, 1916; Natalie Cecile, born April 2, 1919; and Muriel, born December 16, 1920.

### MUMMERT, Calvin J.,

#### Heating Contractor.

A name which is coming to bear increasing significance to the growth and development of Hudson county, New Jersey, is that of Calvin J. Mummert, whose headquarters are located at No. 668 Tyler place, West New York, New Jersey. It is in the field of heating contractor that Mr. Mummert's activities are centering, and his excellent training and practical ability have placed him among the leaders in this line of endeavor, although he is still one of the younger men of this

county. A native of the State of Pennsylvania, he is a son of Howard Mummert, who was born at McSherrystown, Pennsylvania, and has been active as a hotel proprietor throughout the greater part of his active career. The mother, Clara (Klunk) Mummert, was a native of the same Pennsylvania village and is also still living.

Calvin J. Mummert was born in Hanover, Pennsylvania, February 25, 1890. His education was acquired in the local public and high schools, and from his earliest business experience he has been identified with the world of construction. Specializing in the installation of heating plants, Mr. Mummert gained wide experience in his native State. With such equipment, Mr. Mummert came to Hudson county, New Jersey, locating in West New York. Here he has won a noteworthy position as a heating contractor and has done much for the welfare and comfort of the people through his activities in this field. Doing business under his own name, he has developed a very extensive interest and handles contracts of large importance. Alert to the progress of events in all lines of advance, Mr. Mummert takes a deep interest in public affairs, but gives unreserved support to no party in political matters, holding independent views. His religious affiliation is with the Catholic church.

Mr. Mummert married, at Hanover, Pennsylvania, in February, 1911, Rosa Billman, who was born in Hanover, in May, 1892, and is a daughter of John A. and ——— (Sheppard) Billman, both natives of Pennsylvania. The mother died in the year 1897. Mr. and Mrs. Mummert are the parents of one child: Clara, who was born in Hanover, September 5, 1912.

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### **BLOCH, Leon Bryce,**

**Real Estate Operator.**

One of the noteworthy figures of the younger group of professional men in Hudson county, New Jersey, is Leon Bryce Bloch, who, with offices in the Dispatch building at Union, is attaining a position of marked success in real estate brokerage and development work. Highly educated and with natural business ability, Mr. Bloch is commanding the esteem and confidence of his associates and contemporaries and is looked upon as one of the coming men of Hudson county. He is a son of Michael and Clara Bryce (Hart) Bloch, and his grandfather was one of the first settlers of Union Hill. Michael Bloch was born in the town of Union, and for twenty years conducted a retail shoe store at Union, but is now retired from active business.

Leon Bryce Bloch was born in the town of Union, August 4, 1898. His education was begun in Public School No. 1, of Union, and following advanced studies at the New York Preparatory School, from which he was graduated in 1916, he had the advantage of a course at Columbia University. Following the completion of his education, Mr. Bloch entered the real estate business in Union, opening offices in the Dispatch building, and has followed this general line of activity without other interruption than his service in the World War. During that period he was a member of the Officers' Training Corps, and was stationed first, at New York, and later, in Virginia. Upon his return to civilian life he resumed his activities in real estate and has done considerable since in building construction, erecting many houses in the vicinity of New York and Long Island for various development projects, in which he was

personally financially interested. This branch of the real estate business is the one in which he is most active, and he is looking forward in the near future to various developments in the vicinity of Union, which will add to the beauty of the city and extend its environs in various directions.

In political affairs, Mr. Bloch holds independent convictions and gives his support to every movement which promises to promote the public good. He is a member of the Alpha Phi fraternity, of Columbia University, and of the Clef Club, of New York City, the latter revealing his interest in music. Mr. Bloch is a progressive and enterprising young man, and his friends are confident that the future holds in store for him large and increasing success.

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### **DAVIS, Herbert E.,**

**Lawyer.**

Since 1898 Mr. Davis has been a resident of, and legal practitioner in, Hoboken, New Jersey, and is well known to his fellow-citizens. His parents, Ford W. and Mary F. Davis, were Virginia plantation owners, the father born in Virginia, December 3, 1835, and the mother at Ticonderoga, New York, June 2, 1835.

Born at Campbell Court House, Virginia, January 18, 1875, Herbert E. Davis received his education in the public schools of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Camden, New Jersey. Later he studied law in the office of Judge Miller, at Camden, and was admitted to the New Jersey bar in February, 1897. After one year of practice in Camden, he moved to Hoboken, where he has since been engaged in the profession. A Republican in politics, a veteran of the Spanish-American War, and a member of the



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Hudson County Bar Association, comprise his political and professional affiliations.

On October 1, 1919, Mr. Davis was married, at New York City, to Katherine Maurer, a native of Washington, District of Columbia. They have no children.

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### BUNTON, Alfred,

#### Confectioner.

In the retail distribution of confectionery, Alfred Bunton is achieving large success, with headquarters at Weehawken, New Jersey, and his prosperity is due to his meeting one of the most insistent demands of the public, with a thoroughly high-class and dependable product. Mr. Bunton is a son of John C. and Katherine C. (Bove) Bunton, his father a contractor in concrete construction, and a very prominent figure in his general field.

Alfred Bunton was born at West Hoboken, New Jersey, May 27, 1892. His education was received at St. Michael's Parochial School of that city and upon the completion of his studies he obtained employment, first with a concern in Jersey City, and later with one at Union Hill, New Jersey. Mr. Bunton then established himself in his present interest at No. 99 Liberty place, Weehawken, and his confectionery store is now one of the most popular and attractive enterprises in this community. He has few interests outside of his business, and although supporting all forward movements, he chooses to leave leadership in public affairs to others. He attends St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, of Union Hill.

Mr. Bunton married, at West Hoboken, June 6, 1917, Anna Kiff, daughter of John and Pauline Kiff.

### ZEMAN, Edward,

#### Painting Contractor.

The proprietor of a general painting contracting business, with branches in Hoboken and Jersey City, New Jersey, Mr. Zeman has been a resident of the United States since 1901. He was born in Russia, February 26, 1890, son of Zellik and Fannie (Levitt) Zeman. Both of his parents, who are natives of Russia, are living. They came to the United States when Mr. Zeman was only eleven years old, and have made their home here ever since. Mr. Zeman's father is engaged in the bottling business, and is widely known as a business man of energy and integrity.

Mr. Zeman received his education in the public schools of his native land. He completed the elementary course and proceeded to high school, from which he was graduated at an unusually early age. Shortly after his graduation, he came to the United States with his parents, and before long formed an advantageous business connection in the painting trade. He began as an apprentice, and soon succeeded in working his way to a position of importance. He became an expert at all kinds of painting, and decorating, and during the eight years of his employment, his relations with his employers and associates were of the most friendly and agreeable nature. In 1911, however, he decided that the time had come for him to establish himself in an independent business. After careful consideration, he opened an office in Hoboken and at once began to receive commissions for general painting work. His business prospered to such an extent that before long he was obliged to increase his facilities and to secure additional help in order to keep pace with his orders. Still later, he

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opened a branch office at Jersey City, and this branch has been equally successful ever since its foundation. Mr. Zeman is regarded with the highest respect by the members of the painting and decorating trades, and his work has found favor with the best classes in the community, who appreciate the fine quality of workmanship, the excellence of the materials, and the prompt and careful attention which are the foundation of his business and the dominant factor of his success.

In politics, Mr. Zeman is an Independent. He takes the greatest interest in local and national politics and is a vigorous supporter of constructive policies in business and in legislation. He is a member of only one fraternal organization, the Woodrow Wilson Lodge, at Hoboken. In religious faith he is a member of the Protestant church, taking an active interest in the religious and humanitarian work carried on by all denominations in the interest of the sick and the distressed.

In December, 1912, Mr. Zeman married, at Hoboken, Tillie Wallace, daughter of Harold and Rose Wallace. Both of Mrs. Zeman's parents are now deceased. Her father was a decorator by trade, and conducted a prosperous business until the time of his death. Mr. and Mrs. Zeman have four children: Harold, Nat, Neta, and Edna, all of whom are attending school.

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### JAMIN, William, Jr.,

**Business Man.**

Following a number of years of continuous employment with the Tietjon-Lang Company, Mr. Jamin has come to occupy the position of assistant superintendent in this concern. He is a son of William and Minnie Jamin, both of whom

were natives of New York City, where he was born July 26, 1889.

William Jamin, Jr., was educated in the public schools in Hudson county, New Jersey, and in the West Hoboken High School. In October, 1904, he entered the business concern with which he has continued to be identified, first, as foreman of the iron works and chief estimator, later being promoted to his present office.

Fraternally Mr. Jamin is affiliated with Weehawken Lodge, No. 1456, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is also a member of the following: Young Men's Christian Association; Carteret Club, of Jersey City; Union Club, of Hoboken; Naval Architects and Marine Engineers; The National Marine League; Chamber of Commerce, in both Hoboken and Jersey City; and the Hoboken Kiwanis Club; his religious affiliation is with St. Augustine's Church of Union Hill, New Jersey.

Mr. Jamin married, at West Hoboken, New Jersey, June 26, 1912, Mary C. Maltz, daughter of August and Mary (Schumaker) Maltz. One child, Dorothy Charlotte, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jamin on August 1, 1914, at West Hoboken.

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### HARTMAN, Rev. Bernard,

**Priest.**

One of the well known citizens of West Hoboken, New Jersey, is Rev. Bernard Hartman, assistant pastor of St. Joseph's Church of that city. Father Hartman has, for thirteen years, been rendering most faithful and able service in the work of the parish and enjoys the well-earned esteem of the community. As assistant to Father Eiben, he has been a helpful factor in the splendid work of the former in West Hoboken.

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Rev. Bernard Hartman was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1882, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth Hartman, the former now deceased, and both natives of Pittsburgh. He attended the parochial schools of Pittsburgh and then came to New York State and entered Dunkirk College. He was ordained in Scranton, Pennsylvania, in 1906, and after serving for three years as chaplain at St. Agnes' Hospital, in Baltimore, Maryland, came to West Hoboken as assistant pastor of St. Joseph's Church. In that capacity, for the past thirteen years, Father Hartman has rendered a service which is deeply appreciated not only by the members of St. Joseph's Church, but by the community in which the church is located. He has been faithful and able in promoting the various enterprises undertaken and completed by Father Eiben, and in many cases has taken charge of organization and construction work. Father Eiben, himself, has been the first to express appreciation of the work of his assistant, and his praise is well merited. Politically Father Hartman casts his vote independently. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

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### CHAPPELL, William Nelson,

#### **Trust Company Official.**

Since 1907 William Nelson Chappell has been identified with the Title Guarantee and Trust Company. Beginning as messenger boy, he has steadily advanced until at the present time (1923) he is efficiently filling the position of assistant secretary and auditor.

Thomas Tye Chappell, father of Mr. Chappell, was born in England, but came to this country while still a boy and located in Jersey City, New Jersey, where for many years he has been in the employ

of the Central Railroad of New Jersey. He married Ida May Smith, and they became the parents of four children: William Nelson, of further mention; Joseph H., who is identified with the Meyer & Klein Insurance Company, of Jersey City; Thomas T., Jr., who is associated with the Manhattan Electrical Supply Company, of New York City; and Everett, who died in infancy.

William Nelson Chappell, son of Thomas Tye and Ida May (Smith) Chappell, was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, December 2, 1891. After graduating from Grammar School No. 12, in Jersey City, in 1906, he became a student in Dickinson High School, where he continued his studies for one year. At the end of that time, in 1907, when he was fifteen years of age, he entered the employ of the New Jersey Guarantee and Trust Company, of Jersey City, as messenger boy, and his connection with that financial concern has continued to the present time. Able, faithful, and energetic, he devoted his time and his energy to the advancement of his interests of the concern with which he was identified, and recognition of his ability soon came in the form of promotion. Finally, he was made secretary and auditor, which official positions he still retains, and has efficiently filled since June, 1921. His rating among those who are engaged in the banking business is high, and he has a host of personal friends who esteem him not only for his business ability, but as a man of sterling qualities of character. He finds healthful out-of-door recreation in hunting and fishing, and social affiliation in the Carteret Club, of Jersey City.

In March, 1913, William Nelson Chappell married Florence De Chautel Ryan, who was born in Jersey City. Mr. and Mrs. Chappell are the parents of two chil-



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dren: William Nelson, Jr., who was born August 19, 1915; and Bertielle, who was born in September, 1919.

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### **ZUCCARO, Antonio E.,**

**Real Estate Operator.**

Coming to America in his boyhood, Mr. Zuccaro has been a resident of West Hoboken, New Jersey, for more than thirty years, and has been active in the business world of the metropolitan district in various lines of endeavor. A practical man of more than usual ability, he has won his way to a position of success, and as a real estate and insurance broker is a prominent figure in West Hoboken. He is a son of Saverio and Pauline (Conso-lazio) Zuccaro, for many years esteemed citizens of West Hoboken.

Antonio E. Zuccaro was born in Italy, December 26, 1881. Coming to America with the family, he landed on this side of the ocean on June 26, 1892, and his education, which was begun in his native land, was completed at the parochial school of St. Michael, in West Hoboken. As a young man, Mr. Zuccaro secured a position as a silk weaver, in which line of endeavor he was engaged for five years. He then became identified with the gold and silver plating industry, but after fourteen months of activity he availed himself of an opportunity to enter the real estate and insurance business in New York City. He was thus active for many years, also maintaining an office in the town of Union. The latter office has now been removed to West Hoboken, and between his interests in New York City and in this community, Mr. Zuccaro is doing a very extensive and constantly increasing business. His interests are largely in the nature of brokerage, but he handles also considerable real estate, especially in

West Hoboken and vicinity as an operator. Mr. Zuccaro is a supporter of the Democratic party in all political issues, and a progressive, public-spirited citizen, bearing a part in all advance movements. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 1357, and is also affiliated with the Democratic Club.

Antonio E. Zuccaro married, on September 1, 1904, Gioconda Spirito, daughter of Felice and Sarafina (Feole) Spirito. Mr. and Mrs. Zuccaro are the parents of five children: Pauline, Saverio, Ernest, Alfred and Ida.

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### **PERRY, Ralph H.,**

**Business Man.**

Among the eminently successful business men of Jersey City, New Jersey, is Ralph H. Perry, organizer and executive head of the big coal concern which operates under the name of Ralph H. Perry & Company, and has twelve different coal yards in Jersey City. Mr. Perry is a direct descendant of Commodore Perry, of Lake Erie fame, and has in his possession the original medallion presented to Commodore Perry by Congress after the memorable victory on Lake Erie, showing on one side the likeness of the commodore and on the other the victorious fleet.

Oliver Hazard Perry, father of Ralph H. Perry, was born in Lockport, New York, in 1842, and died in Jersey City, October 6, 1903. He was engaged in business as a coal merchant, and after his death his son, Ralph H., succeeded him. Oliver H. Perry and his wife, Imogene W. Perry, became the parents of children, of whom five are living: Louise; Jessie; Ralph H., of further mention; Helen; and Esther.



Antonio P. Guccaro





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Ralph H. Perry, son of Oliver Hazard and Imogene W. Perry, was born in the family home at No. 281 Eighth street, Jersey City, February 2, 1878. After attending Miss Elizabeth Van Kleeef's School, on Jersey avenue, he entered the Hasbrouck School, from which he went to Andover Academy at Andover, Massachusetts. He graduated in 1899, and that same year became associated with his father in the coal business. Upon the death of his father in 1908 he took over the management of the business, purchased additional yards in New York City, and continued to conduct a thriving business there until 1920. He then returned to Jersey City, and under the name of R. H. Perry & Company established a chain of yards in that city. He has twelve yards now, all doing a steadily increasing business, and at present (1923) he is confining his operations to Hudson county. In addition to his responsibilities as head of the Ralph H. Perry & Company concern, he is a member of the board of directors of the New Jersey Title Guarantee and Trust Company, of Jersey City; and a member of the board of trustees of the Fifth Ward Savings Bank. He is also a member of the Signal Corp of the National Guard of New Jersey. Mr. Perry finds health recreation in fishing, running, boating, and golfing, and his clubs are the Carteret Club, the Montclair Golf Club, the Essex County Golf Club, of Orange, New Jersey; and the Union League, of Jersey City. His religious affiliation is with the Episcopal church.

On April 6, 1904, at Jersey City, New Jersey, Ralph H. Perry married Eva C. Niese, daughter of Henry E. and Hattie E. Niese, and they are the parents of the following children: Oliver Hazard, who was born May 23, 1909; Ralph H., Jr.,

born December 19, 1913; Henry Ernest, born April 30, 1915; John B., born August 4, 1919; and Elizabeth M., born April 29, 1921.

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### **VALENTINE, Edwin James Glass, M. D., Physician.**

For more than twenty years Dr. Edwin James Glass Valentine has been engaged in general medical practice at No. 559 Summit avenue, Jersey City, but the entire period of his active career extends over a period of four decades, during which time he has added to his careful preparation a wide and valuable experience, unusual skill in diagnosis, and an unusually keen perception of what may be termed general conditions. He is held in the highest esteem by his many patrons, as well as among his professional associates, and is one of the best known of his profession in his section of the city.

The branch of the Valentine family to which Dr. Valentine belongs is descended from Isaac Valentine, who came to this country from Holland and located in New York City. William Smith Valentine, father of Dr. Valentine, was born in New York City, and died in Jersey City, New Jersey, at the age of sixty-nine years. During the early period of his career he was engaged in business as a butcher, but later he was in municipal employ as a health officer. He married Mary Elizabeth Glass, who was born in New York City and died in Jersey City, and they were the parents of three children: Dr. Edwin J. G., of further mention; Minnie Irene, who resides in Jersey City; and Frank G., who is engaged in business as an electrician in Jersey City.

Dr. Edwin J. G. Valentine, son of William Smith and Mary Elizabeth (Glass)

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Valentine, was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, October 25, 1869, and after graduating from Public School No. 11, continued his studies for two years in the Bay Street High School. At the end of that time he took the Regent's Examination and entered the New York Homœopathic Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1884 with the degree Doctor of Medicine. After serving an internship in Flower Hospital, he practiced in Newark for a short time and then opened an office in Jersey City, where he has since been continuously engaged in general practice. About twenty years ago he removed his office to No. 559 Summit avenue, and there he is still located. His practice is a very large one and he is well known as a skillful and notably faithful physician. He has found time to devote to the promotion of the general welfare, and for three years served as a member of the Hudson County Board of Health. He was also, for three years, the active and efficient chairman of the committee that opened the Tuberculosis Hospital of Hudson County. Fraternally he is a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and of the Independent Order of Foresters, Summit Command; and he keeps in touch with the activities of his profession in the county through membership in the Hudson County Medical Association. He finds healthful recreation in "boosting" the local baseball games and attending the league games when he can spare the time from his professional duties, and he has a host of friends in Jersey City. His religious affiliation is with Westminster Presbyterian Church, of Jersey City.

On November 13, 1894, Dr. Edwin James Glass Valentine married Katherine L. Ramsey, who was born in Hoboken,

New Jersey, daughter of George, who is deceased, and of Harriett (Dunshe) Ramsey, the latter of whom is now living in Jersey City. Dr. and Mrs. Valentine are the parents of three children: Frank Ramsey, who was born February 7, 1901; Edwin James Glass, Jr., born September 24, 1902; and Charles L., who was born May 3, 1905.

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### CAMERON, Robert,

**Business Man.**

Since May, 1922, Robert Cameron has been engaged in business for himself in Jersey City, first in partnership with Mr. Wasserman, but since April, 1923, under the name of the Robert Cameron Sheet Metal Works, located at No. 463 Pacific avenue.

Archibald Cameron, father of Mr. Cameron, was born in Almoret, Canada. He learned the printer's trade, and at an early age came to Jersey City, where he continued in business as a printer and where he has resided for forty years. He married Ida Mallistedt, a native of Brooklyn, New York, and they became the parents of seven children: James L., deceased; Louise L., who married Walter Shwab; A. Donald, who is a "regular" in the United States army and is stationed at Chicago, Illinois; Robert, of further mention; William M.; Thomas; and John C.

Robert Cameron, son of Archibald and Ida (Mallistedt) Cameron, was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, May 17, 1898, and received his education in the public schools of his native city, graduating from Grammar School No. 22 in 1914. When his school training was completed, he found employment with the National Sheet Roofing Company, of Jersey City, with whom he remained for one year. At

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the end of that time he made a change and went to work in the United States Navy Yard, at Brooklyn, New York, where he remained for another year. His next position was with the Boynton Furnace Company, of Jersey City. After two years in that connection he decided to engage in business for himself, and in May, 1922, located at No. 410 Communipaw avenue, where he engaged in the plumbing and sheet metal business. For a time he was in partnership with Mr. Wasserman, under the firm name of Cameron & Wasserman. The enterprise was successful, and in April, 1923, Mr. Cameron organized the Robert Cameron Sheet Metal Works, and removed to No. 463 Pacific avenue, where he is now located, and where he is the energetic and able proprietor of a thriving concern.

After the entrance of the United States into the World War, Mr. Cameron enlisted for service, in August, 1918, and was stationed first at the Great Lakes Training Station, at Chicago, Illinois, but later was transferred to a receiving ship in Brooklyn. While at the Great Lakes he held the rank of petty officer, and after being transferred to the receiving ship, ranked as a seaman. He was mustered out of service in March, 1918. Upon his return to civil life he resumed his business activities in Jersey City at the same location, and continued there until April, 1923, when, as has already been stated, he removed to No. 463 Pacific avenue. Mr. Cameron is fond of outdoor sports. He is skillful in athletics, and is especially fond of swimming. His religious affiliation is with the Lafayette Reformed Church.

At New York City, February 24, 1922, Robert Cameron married Margaret Lomax, who was born in Jersey City, daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Colt) Lomax,

both of whom are now residing in Jersey City. Mr. and Mrs. Cameron have no children.

### MICHEL & RANK,

**Printers, Publishers.**

One of the oldest established printing concerns in New Jersey is the firm of Michel & Rank, conducted by Frederick Michel and George Rank, at New York avenue and Humboldt street, Union Hill, New Jersey.

Frederick Michel has been a resident of Union Hill since 1880, and started in the printing business in New York as an apprentice in 1882, and four years later secured a position with the John Weber Printing House, in Union Hill.

George Rank has been a resident of Union Hill since 1886. In 1889 he started as apprentice in the local printing house of John Weber, and four years later left this concern and went to work in New York in order to acquire a wider knowledge of printing in general. After working for about five years in some high-class printing offices, he was offered a position with the local house of Weber. In 1898 Mr. Weber died, and Michel & Rank conducted the business for his widow until August of that year, when they bought the printing plant. Six years later the shop was moved to their own premises, its present location, at Humboldt street and New York avenue, where Michel & Rank are still continuing the business. This printing office is known for its high-class work and some of the finest pieces of work in the county were turned out in this place.

Frederick Michel and George Rank are members of some of the most prominent



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societies, as well as of a number of charitable organizations.

**RANK, John Adam,**

**Printer.**

One of the early settlers of the town of Union, Hudson county, New Jersey, was Henry Rank, who came from Germany with his wife, Elizabeth (Herpich) Rank, and their children, and in 1886 made settlement in Union. One of the children who came from Germany with the parents was a son, John Adam Rank, then eight years old, his birth having occurred in Germany, October 13, 1878. The schools of Union afforded the lad, John A., an education, and upon arriving at suitable age he learned the printer's trade, becoming an expert. He worked as a journeyman printer until 1908, then began business independently by purchasing the business and good will owned by Joseph Haas. The business he then acquired has been added to and strengthened until his plant, located at No. 319 Union street, town of Union, is well and modernly equipped with a steadily increasing patronage.

Mr. Rank is foreman of Union Hill Hook and Ladder Company, and independent in politics, and a veteran of the Spanish-American War, his service with Company K, 201st Regiment, New York Volunteers. He is a member of Jackson Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Lodge No. 1357, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Foresters of America; Improved Order of Red Men, and the Kiwanis Club, of North Hudson.

Mr. Rank married, June 26, 1906, at Union Hill, New Jersey, Elsa Tanneberger, daughter of Herman and Anna (Gutbier) Tanneberger. Mr. and Mrs. Rank are the parents of three sons: Paul, Henry and John.

**GRANDY, August, Jr.,**

**Manufacturer.**

President of the firm of August Grandy's Sons, Mr. Grandy and his brother Charles assumed control of the firm in 1912 upon the retirement of their father, August Grandy. August Grandy, Jr., was born at Hoboken, April 4, 1886, son of August and Margaret (Fisher) Grandy. His father, who was born in Germany, founded the business, of which the present firm is a development, in 1882. Since his retirement from active participation in business affairs, he has made his home at Ridgewood, New Jersey. Mr. Grandy's mother, who was also born in Germany, is now deceased.

Mr. Grandy received his education in the public schools of Hoboken. After his graduation from school, he naturally associated himself with his father in the management of the family business. His father was a blacksmith and wheelwright by trade, and founded the business in a little shop on Fifth and Adams streets, in Hoboken, four years before Mr. Grandy's birth. This establishment prospered, and the business grew until, by the time Mr. Grandy entered the establishment, it had assumed substantial proportions and was widely known throughout the business circles of the community. At first confined to the general work of a blacksmith and wheelwright's establishment, the business was enlarged to include the making and repairing of automobile bodies. This additional department proved extremely successful, and during the same year, the firm moved its offices to Madison street, where they still remain. In course of time, Charles Grandy joined his father and brother in the management of the business, and in 1912, when August Grandy, Sr., retired, Mr. Grandy and his brother became the sole proprietors of

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the business and adopted the firm name of August Grandy's Sons. The automobile body-making and repairing department has now become very extensive, and constitutes the major part of the firm's work. The brothers are widely known for their business foresight and sagacity, and their success is a matter of pride to the community in which they fill so honorable a position.

In politics Mr. Grandy is an Independent. His brother, Charles Grandy, is a veteran of the World War, having served overseas for two years as a member of the 103rd Engineers from New Jersey. Charles Grandy also belongs to the Foresters of America. August Grandy, Jr., is not a member of any fraternal organizations, but he takes a great interest in the civic and business welfare of the city and is always ready to support any movement that tends to increase public prosperity or welfare. In religious faith Mr. Grandy is a Methodist.

On November 27, 1912, Mr. Grandy married, at Hoboken, Alma Cleemann, daughter of Morris and Celestine (Vinger) Cleemann. Both of Mrs. Grandy's parents are dead. Her father was a printer, and had a wide reputation as a master of his craft. Mr. and Mrs. Grandy have one son: Everett, who was born June 4, 1914.

### **VAN WINKLE, Arthur Alfred,**

#### **Real Estate, Trucking.**

For many years active in Jersey City along practical and useful lines of business endeavor, Arthur A. Van Winkle is counted among the substantial and progressive men of the day in Hudson county, New Jersey. Mr. Van Winkle comes of a very old American family, originally from Holland, and is a son of Daniel C. Van Winkle, who was born on Summit

avenue, in Jersey City, in the year 1817, and died in 1868. His active lifetime was spent in agricultural pursuits, principally gardening. For about ten months he served in the Civil War under an uncle, Major John Van Winkle, who organized a regiment of infantry and led them to the front. Daniel C. Van Winkle married Elizabeth O'Neill, who was born in Ireland in 1832, and died at an advanced age in 1912.

Arthur Alfred Van Winkle, son of these parents, was born in the Bergen section of Jersey City, September 23, 1859. His education was acquired in Public School No. 1, which he attended until the age of fourteen years. His first employment was as a grocery clerk, but feeling but little interest in the business, he learned the trade of carriage building. He was then persuaded to go to Indiana on the farm, where he was active for about two years. Returning East, he was offered a position with the Pennsylvania railroad, which he accepted, and for eleven years remained with the road in charge of Pier E, in the North river. Accumulating sufficient capital to make a start for himself, Mr. Van Winkle entered the trucking and transfer business when about thirty-two years of age, and has now, for more than thirty years, been largely and increasingly successful. He now holds a leading position in this field in Jersey City, doing local and long distance hauling of every kind, having a complete motor equipment and employing a full complement of experienced men. Mr. Van Winkle has also, of recent years, done a very considerable real estate business, both as an operator and as a broker. He keeps in touch with the civic and general advance, but although a loyal supporter of the Republican party in political affairs of both local and wider import, he

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has never accepted official honors or responsibilities. He is a member of the Jersey City Chamber of Commerce, and fraternally holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is past grand, and the Royal Arcanum, also the Holland Society. His religious affiliation is with the Dutch Reformed church.

Mr. Van Winkle married, in Jersey City, in 1882, Annie E. Wilson, daughter of Thomas Wilson, a railway contractor. They are the parents of six children: Bertha Victor, now the wife of Frank K. Perry; Alice E., wife of Steven Eck, of Jersey City; Annie Irene; Margaret Louise; Garrett H.; and Adrien A. The family home is at No. 79 Romaine avenue, Jersey City, and the young people are well known in the social activities of the city.

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### **ACCIARDI, Nick,**

**Contractor, Builder.**

In the world of building construction in Hudson county, New Jersey, Nick Acciardi is holding a place of prominence, and his success has been achieved under most trying conditions. Coming to this country as a young man and beginning life in the ranks of the workers, he has won his way step by step, to a position of independence, where he commands the esteem and respect of all who know him. Mr. Acciardi is a native of Italy and a son of Joseph and Filomena (Troncellita) Acciardi, both natives of Italy.

Nick Acciardi was born in Italy, May 23, 1885, and received a practical education in the public schools of his native land. He was variously employed for a few years in Italy, then at the age of eighteen years, in 1905, he came to America, landing in New York City.

Shortly after arriving here he secured a position with the West Shore railroad, as car cleaner. This was a position of slight importance in the great organization, but he gave such energetic and careful attention to his work, that it came to the attention of his superiors, and he was advanced to the position of assistant foreman in the car shops. Mr. Acciardi believed, however, that with his natural equipment, and with the opportunities to be found in the growing communities of the metropolitan districts, he could attain larger and more definite success as the head of his own interests in some useful field of endeavor. He accordingly secured work in building construction, and it was only a short time before he began for himself as a contractor. He has now for about fifteen years been engaged in this field at Union Hill, New Jersey, and is counted among the successful men of this community to-day. His work is of the enduring quality and character which counts not only for his immediate success, but for permanent usefulness and enduring significance to the community. Mr. Acciardi early became a citizen of his adopted country, and does all in his power to advance the welfare of the people, supporting the Democratic party in all political issues, and bearing a part in all advanced movements. His interests center at his present address at No. 146 Bergenline avenue, Union, New Jersey.

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### **HARBER, Samuel,**

**Lawyer.**

For more than a decade Samuel Harber has been engaged in legal practice in the State of New Jersey, and since his admission to the bar as an attorney, has been located in Union Hill, Hudson county, New Jersey.





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Born in New York City, August 19, 1889, son of Israel and Rose (Friedman) Harber, Mr. Harber received his earliest school training in the public schools of his native city. In 1897, however, when he was but a small lad of eight years, his parents removed to Union Hill, Hudson county, and in the public schools of that town the greater part of his early and preparatory education was received. After his graduation from high school in 1907, he entered the law school of New York University, from which he was graduated in 1909 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, and three years later, in 1912, he was admitted to the bar of the State of New Jersey, as an attorney. In November, 1915, he was admitted to practice as a counselor in the State of New Jersey. From the beginning of his legal career he has been a careful and able worker. Mr. Harber is one who takes a keen and personal interest in each case and is never satisfied until he has thoroughly mastered all the details of a case. He has built up a large and important clientele and is known as a conservative counselor and an effective advocate. As a citizen, Mr. Harber has always been ready to assume his share of responsibility, both in the quiet and unostentatious ways of every day life and as a public official. He casts his vote independently, and during the years 1918-19, served the town of Union as president of the Board of Assessors. Fraternally Mr. Harber is a member of Ezra Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Union Hill. He is also a member of the Hudson County Bar Association; of the North Hudson Lawyers' Club; North Hudson Lodge, Independent Order B'rith Abraham; Temple Emanu-El, of Union Hill; Linas Hazedals, of Hudson county; and various other charitable and financial institutions.

On May 10, 1917, Samuel Harber married Bertha Levy, daughter of Louis and Anna (Levy) Levy, and they are the parents of two children: Victor, who is now (1923) four years of age; and Jean, who is one year old.

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### GALLAND, Louis R.,

#### Business Man.

Many of the residents of Union Hill, New Jersey, and vicinity find that when they need prompt and efficient service in any line of general insurance, their needs will be ably taken care of by Louis R. Galland, whose offices are located in the Dispatch building, in Union Hill, New Jersey.

Frank Galland, father of Louis R. Galland, came to this country from Lyons, France, after completing his education in his native land. He was employed as a civil engineer in New York City and in New Orleans and later was one of the contractors of the Hudson county boulevard. He married Margaret (Carr) Galland, a native of Jersey City, daughter of an Irish father and a Philadelphia Quaker mother.

Louis R. Galland, son of Frank and Margaret (Carr) Galland, was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, November 20, 1897. He received his education in the public schools of West Hoboken, in the parochial school of West Hoboken, and in the West Hoboken Evening High School, and then entered the employ of an advertising company. This line of business activity he continued for some time, widening his experience by association with several different companies engaged in that line of business. Later, however, he made a change and became associated with the insurance department of the General Motors Corporation. It was in this connection that he received



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the training which led to his final choice of a business career, as a real estate and insurance man. At the present time he is engaged in the management of a large and important real estate and general insurance business, and to his office in the Dispatch building, new patrons are constantly coming. His reputation as a reliable business man and as an expert in the insurance line is a valuable business asset, and his many satisfied customers are his most profitable advertising medium.

On June 26, 1918, Mr. Galland enlisted in the United States navy, for service during the World War. He served as general inspector of the naval overseas transportation service, in which capacity the discharge of his duties took him to all the different ports of the country, from Maine to Florida. He received his honorable discharge May 12, 1919. Politically Mr. Galland is a Democrat, but he does not always cast his vote for the candidates of that party. He reserves to himself the right to cast his vote independently. He has many friends in Union Hill and vicinity, and among his business associates he has won a reputation for honest dealing and prompt and efficient business methods. He and his family are members of St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, of Union Hill, New Jersey.

On January 21, 1921, at Elkton, Maryland, Louis R. Galland married Marie Runge, daughter of John D. and Anna (Runy) Runge, and they are the parents of one daughter, Lois A., who was born September 12, 1922.

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### MEYER, Louis J.,

**Business Man, World War Veteran.**

A veteran of the World War, who served in that hazardous branch of the service, the submarine chasers of our

navy, Mr. Meyer, since his return to civil life, has renewed the work that he was engaged in before interrupted by that awful conflict.

Mr. Meyer was born in New York City on October 18, 1891, son of Solomon and Annie (Mohel) Meyer. His father had been engaged, before his demise, in the retail paint business; his mother is still living (1923). He was educated in the public schools of his native city, and graduated from Townsend Harris High School and also from City College, of New York. After completing his studies and leaving college, he became associated with David Meyer & Brothers, retail paints, of New York City, and remained with this firm first as an employee, and later as a partner, until 1917, when he entered the service of the United States navy in the World War, serving in that branch known as the submarine chasers. In 1919 he received his honorable discharge, and, returning to his business, was placed in charge of the Hoboken White Lead and Color Works, a subsidiary of the David Meyer & Brothers business. This branch of the concern had previously been known as the Albert Pflugh Company, having been founded in 1889 by Mr. Pflugh, and was purchased by David Meyer & Brothers in 1919, and incorporated as the Hoboken White Lead and Color Works. To-day Mr. Meyer has sole charge of this branch of the concern, and in addition to this is secretary and treasurer of the enterprise. He is also a partner in the main establishment of David Meyer & Brothers, of New York City.

In his politics Mr. Meyer is an Independent, and in his religious affiliation belongs to the Jewish faith. He is a member of Darcy Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of New York City, and

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his club is the New Era, of New York City. Mr. Meyer is unmarried.

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### AMATO, Mathew,

#### Accountant.

Born in New York City, August 15, 1899, and educated in the public schools and business school both there and in Hoboken, New Jersey, Mathew Amato is the son of Michael and Angelina (Petrizzo) Amato, both of whom were natives of Italy, where the father was a hatter and merchant. When Mathew Amato's education was completed, he entered business as a bookkeeper and accountant in the silk business, which is his present occupation. In politics he is a Democrat, and in religion, a member of St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church, of Hoboken.

Mr. Amato was united in marriage, at Jersey City, New Jersey, with Antoinette Policastro, a native of Hoboken, and a daughter of Thomas and Maria (Rongo) Policastro, of Italy.

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### VIETHEER, Neil,

#### Investment Broker.

Among the native-born sons of the city of Hoboken, New Jersey, who are materially aiding in the advancement of its economic interests is Neil Vietheer, investment broker, who for the past ten years has been successfully engaged in business there. Mr. Vietheer is a son of Richard Vietheer, who was also born in Hoboken, and who has spent practically his entire life in his native city.

Richard Vietheer, father of Neil Vietheer, was born in Hoboken, New Jersey, and for many years was engaged in the commission business there. He is one of the very well known citizens of Hoboken, and politically gives his support to the

Democratic party. He is an attendant of the Church of St. Mary, in Hoboken. He married Anna Coster, who was born in Baltimore, Maryland, and died in Hoboken, in December, 1920, and they became the parents of five children, all born in Hoboken.

Neil Vietheer, son of Richard and Anna (Coster) Vietheer, was born in Hoboken, New Jersey, October 15, 1886, and received a good practical education in the public schools of his native city. He early became associated with his father's large commission business, and from the beginning of his active career has speculated in the handling of merchandise. As an investment broker he has been notably successful and has built up a large and important business, which is now numbered among the well established concerns of the city. His excellent business qualifications, as well as his personal characteristics, have won for him the confidence and esteem of all with whom he is brought in contact, and his already large business is steadily growing. In addition to his responsibilities in connection with his own business, he is also identified with the Jefferson Trust Company, of Hoboken, New Jersey. Politically he gives his support to the principles and the candidates of the Democratic party. During the World War he enlisted for service in the United States army, in 1918, as a member of the Artillery Corps, 309th Division, and served with that unit to the time of his discharge from Camp Dix, at Wrightstown, New Jersey, in May, 1919. His religious affiliation is with St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, of Hoboken, New Jersey.

At New York City, October 29, 1915, Neil Vietheer married Maud Green, who was born in New London, Connecticut, daughter of Benjamin Green, a contrac-

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tor of New London, and of Catherine Green, both of whom are now living in New London. Mr. and Mrs. Vietheer have no children.

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### LAWRENCE, David William,

#### Jurist.

Judge David William Lawrence, son of William W. and Lavinia (Hall) Lawrence, both deceased, was born in New York City, November 10, 1850. When he was two years of age his parents removed to Pike county, Pennsylvania, and there the early years of his boyhood were passed.

He attended the district schools of Pike county until he was thirteen years of age, when his family returned to New York City, and there he found employment. By working in the day time and attending evening school, he managed to contribute to the family support and at the same time gain a good education. In 1868 he removed to Jersey City, New Jersey, with his widowed mother, and there for seventeen years he was engaged in the real estate business. From the beginning of his residence in Jersey City he took an active interest in its local public affairs. In 1877 he was nominated and elected a member of the Board of Aldermen, representing the old Fifth District, and two years later, in 1879, he was elected to the State Legislature. He was reelected for three successive terms in 1880-81-82, and during the last term was nominated for speaker of the Assembly. In 1882 he was elected police magistrate of Jersey City for a term of three years by a joint vote of the State Senate and Assembly, and the duties of that office he discharged in a manner which won the pronounced approval of the citizens. He was appointed by the Board of Finance, at the

request of a committee of citizens, assessor of his district in 1885, and reappointed 1886-88, serving as president of the board for all three terms. He also served as president of the City Tax Commission for three years, from 1889 to 1892. From 1892 until 1902 he was engaged in the real estate business. In 1902 he was elected president of the Jersey City Trust Company and held this position for six years, until 1908. In addition to the efficient discharge of the duties and responsibilities already mentioned, Judge Lawrence has been for fifteen years a member of the Free Library Board, which he served as president until he resigned that executive position in 1922. He has been a manager for about twenty-five years, and a vice-president for ten years of the Provident Institution for Savings in Jersey City, and is a director of the Commercial Trust Company of New Jersey.

Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic order, Scottish Rite, and with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He has also been interested in athletics, and was one of the founders of the Orion Rowing and Athletic Association, and was a charter member of the Palmer, Berkeley and Cartaret clubs of Jersey City.

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### FREUDENBERG, Arthur O.,

#### Insurance, Real Estate Operator.

Taking a prominent part in the present day advance of Hudson county, New Jersey, as a dealer and operator in real estate and insurance, Mr. Arthur O. Freudenberg is carrying into his business principles of honesty and fair dealing which bear so important a relation to the public welfare. Still a young man, and always in close touch with the movement of the times, Mr. Freudenberg is counted among the influences for progress which are carrying Hud-





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son county to ever larger prosperity. He is a son of Maximillian and Eloise (Lindauer) Freudenberg, the father a native of Germany, the mother of New York State. Of the sons of these parents Louis J. Freudenberg was killed in action in the World War. He served as a runner or messenger with Company M., 309th Infantry, 78th Division, and was shot in the Argonne, October 16, 1918. Richard, another brother, served at Camp Meade, Maryland, but was not sent overseas. Maximillian Freudenberg was active in the insurance business in New York City for many years, in the capacity of actuary in the German department of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

Arthur O. Freudenberg was born in Hoboken, New Jersey, August 9, 1891. His education was begun in the local public schools. Later attending the public schools of Jersey City, as the residence of the family changed, he continued his studies at the Jersey City public and high schools, and also attended evening school for two years. Mr. Freudenberg's first business experience was with the famous publishing house of the Street & Smith Company, of New York City, where he continued for a full decade, then for about two years he conducted a typewriter exchange in Jersey City and also in New York City. In the year 1918 Mr. Freudenberg identified himself with the Travelers Insurance Company, of Hartford, Connecticut, as a field representative, and is still active in this capacity. He also handles a very extensive real estate and insurance business, and with offices at No. 109 Paterson Plank Road, West Hoboken, and is taking a definite part in the local advance. Mr. Freudenberg acts as notary public, is a Democrat by political affiliation, and is a member of Waverly Congregational Church. His

brother, Eugene Freudenberg, fraternally holds membership in the Junior Order United American Mechanics, of Jersey City, Summit Council, No. 87. He is also a member of the Waverly Congregational Church.

Arthur O. Freudenberg married, February 28, 1914, Marie E. Wimblad, daughter of John and Salmine (Petersen) Wimblad, both now deceased, her father during his lifetime being identified with an ocean steamship line. Mr. and Mrs. Freudenberg are the parents of two daughters: Naida Muriel; and Selma Louise.

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### SAEDLER, Wilbur William,

**Real Estate Operator, Insurance.**

In real estate and insurance circles in Hudson county, New Jersey, Wilbur William Saedler holds a broadly noteworthy position, both as a member of the firm of Freudenberg & Saedler, and in his own independent interest. A native of this State and county, Mr. Saedler has devoted the entire period of his career thus far to commercial and public service activities, and has won an enviable position in the business world. He is a practical and progressive executive, and in winning his success he has reflected credit upon his name and has given an impetus in the right direction to those lines of endeavor with which he is identified. He is a son of William A. Saedler, who was born in New York City, and was connected with the industrial life of the metropolis throughout his active lifetime in the paper line. He married Christine (Buscher) Ritz, a widow, and also a native of Germany; both are now deceased. They were the parents of four sons; Mrs. Saedler's son, Alexander Ritz, served overseas in the World War for one year.

Wilbur William Saedler was born in



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Jersey City, New Jersey, April 19, 1889. Securing a practical education in the public schools of his birthplace, Mr. Saedler devoted the early years of his career to the gas business, being active in this public service for about six years. Thereafter entering the real estate business he has been very successful, not only from the personal view-point, but in the relation of his activities to the public good. He carries his progressive spirit into all his dealings, meeting the problem of the moment with a clear pre-vision of the future. In addition to this business interest, Mr. Saedler conducts an independent real estate office under the title of W. W. Saedler, Incorporated, the headquarters of both being in the same building at No. 109 Paterson Plank Road, West Hoboken, New Jersey. For a number of years he has been further active as commissioner of deeds and notary public. Long a member of the Hudson County Democratic Club, and for four years its vice-president, he bears a part in the local advance of the party, but prefers to leave the honors of leadership to others. His religious affiliation is with the First Presbyterian church of Jersey City. Mr. Saedler is unmarried.

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### HELLINGHAUSEN, Frank Richard,

#### **Business Man.**

As sole owner of the Eagan Letter Company, of Hoboken, Frank Richard Hellinghausen, is at the head of a prosperous concern which is steadily increasing both its patronage and the range of its stock. Mr. Hellinghausen has had a varied experience which has well qualified him for the successful conduct of a business of his own.

The parents of Mr. Hellinghausen, Joseph and Julia (Euteneuer) Helling-

hausen, were born in Germany, where the former had been in military service. They came to this country in 1888, and settled in West Hoboken, where Frank Richard was born, November 26, 1894.

Mr. Hellinghausen received a good practical education in the Weehawken public schools and in Holy Family Parochial School and then began his active career as an employe of the United Cigar Company, with whom he remained for a year and a half in the multigraphing department. He then became identified with the American Multigraph Sales Company as multigraph demonstrator, and that position he held for one year. His next connection was with the Feigen-span Brewery Company, with whom he remained for six years. Upon the entrance of the United States into the World War, he entered the service of the United States Food Administration Bureau, in the State headquarters at Newark, New Jersey, taking charge of the multigraph and mailing department. After the close of the war he found employment with Henry Heide, Inc., of New York City, in which connection he rendered efficient service for a period of two years. By this time he had acquired suitable experience and decided to engage in business for himself, but a favorable opportunity presenting itself, he instead accepted a position with the Eagan Letter Company. In 1921, he was admitted to partnership in that concern, with John J. Eagan, and in 1922 he purchased Mr. Eagan's interest and became sole owner of the business. Since that time he has fully demonstrated his ability to manage an important establishment, and under his wise direction the Eagan Letter Company is steadily expanding. Fraternally Mr. Hellinghausen is affiliated with the Knights of Columbus of

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Union Hill; holds the Fourth Degree in the Knights of Columbus at West Hoboken; is a member of the Alhambra; and of Weehawken Lodge, No. 1456, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Weehawken, New Jersey. His club is the Kiwanis of Hoboken, and his religious affiliation is with the Holy Family Roman Catholic Church of Union Hill, New Jersey. Mr. Hellinghausen has many friends in Hoboken and vicinity, and is highly esteemed among his business associates.

At Union Hill, New Jersey, February 27, 1916, in Holy Family Church, Frank Richard Hellinghausen married Lillian Helen Stotz, daughter of Charles and Mary (Wells) Stotz. Mr. and Mrs. Hellinghausen are the parents of two children, both born in Weehawken, New Jersey: Eleanor Florence, born February 10, 1917; and Frank Richard Hellinghausen, Jr., born October 26, 1919.

### GABRIEL, Aro Gwynne,

Lawyer.

As a thoroughly prepared member of the New Jersey State bar, Aro Gwynne Gabriel has before him the prospect of an eminently active and useful career. Young, energetic, and associated with an already well established firm, he has been engaged in practice since February, 1923.

Nikolas Gabriel, father of Aro Gwynne Gabriel, was born in Egin, Armenia, and died in Union Hill, New Jersey, March 28, 1912, at the age of fifty-three years. He was a very well-known furniture dealer in Union Hill, where, for more than twenty-five years, he conducted the establishment now owned and managed by his son, Newton G. Gabriel, at Nos. 79-81 Bergenline avenue. He married Makoor Der Hazarian, who now resides in the old homestead at No. 309 Cottage place, Union Hill, and they became the parents

of six children: Frank, deceased; Lucy, married Krikor Baltaian; George, engaged in the photo-engraving business; Newton G., who is conducting the furniture business established by his father; Charles A., also engaged in the furniture business; Aro Gwynne, of further mention.

Aro Gwynne Gabriel, son of Nikolas and Makoor (Der Hazarian) Gabriel, was born in Egin, Armenia, May 22, 1896, and came to this country with his parents when he was a young infant. The family settled in Union Hill, New Jersey, and in public schools of that town Mr. Gabriel received his early education, graduating from the grammar school in 1910, and from the Union Hill High School in 1916. In the latter he was president of the Athletic Association from 1915 to 1916, captain of the basketball team during the same year, and was also captain of the baseball team the following season, compiling a batting average of .512. Aro Gwynne Gabriel not only excelled in athletics but in scholarly attainments as well, receiving honorary mention in the prize essay contest at commencement, and serving as associate-editor of the "Orange and Blue," the school magazine. With all of these activities, Mr. Gwynne still found a way for utilizing some of his spare time by coaching the theatrical performances held at the school. Upon the completion of his high school course he became a student in New York University, where, in the spring of 1917, he made the baseball squad. In 1921 he was graduated from this institution with the degree of Bachelor of Law. A year and a half later, in February, 1923, he was admitted to the New Jersey bar, and since that time he has been associated with J. Emil Walscheid, counselor-at-law, whose offices are located in the Dispatch building, No. 404 Lewis street, Town of Union, New Jer-

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sey. The firm is a well established one, and Mr. Gabriel is gaining valuable experience and laying a foundation for a successful legal career.

When relations between Germany and the United States became strained, and rumors of war were in the air, Aro G. Gabriel organized a company of students and started to drill them, using sticks for guns. Others becoming interested, the company was soon equipped with genuine rifles. Mr. Gabriel had a very capable assistant in Miss Harrison, daughter of the former president of the United States, Benjamin Harrison, and with two such efficient directors the company made considerable progress. Upon the entrance of the United States into the World War, Mr. Gabriel at once enlisted, April 19, 1917, and was at first stationed at Brooklyn, New York, in the navy yard, but later traveled all over the country as a member of the publicity or recruiting department, finally attaining the rank of sergeant in the United States Marine Corps, in which rank he was mustered out of service, August 10, 1920. Upon his return to civil life, he at once continued his preparation for the legal profession, and is now engaged in practice, as has already been quoted.

Fraternally he is affiliated with Union Hill Lodge, No. 1357, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and with Alpha Chapter of the Pi Kappa Upsilon. He is also a member of the Union High School Alumni Association; American Legion; and is professionally affiliated with the North Hudson Lawyers' Club, the State Bar Association, and the Hudson County Bar Association. He has always been interested in athletic sports and in out-of-door pastime, and his special hobby is baseball. Mr. Gabriel's religious connection is with the First Armenian Presbyterian Church. He is unmarried.

His many friends predict for him a successful career, and both his thorough preparation and personal qualifications, as well as the success of his experience as a speaker during his term of enlistment, seem to indicate that his friends' prophecies will be fulfilled.

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### GABRIEL, Krikor,

#### Progressive Citizen.

Among the many worthy citizens and reliable business men who have come to this country from other lands is Krikor Gabriel, of Woodcliff, New Jersey, owner and manager of a prosperous mercantile business located at Nos. 229 and 330-332 Bergenline avenue, Town of Union, New Jersey.

Mr. Gabriel was born in Egin, Armenia, where his father died in 1880, at the age of forty-seven years, survived by the wife and mother who died in Union Hill, New Jersey, August 13, 1922, aged seventy-five years. There were seven sons and one daughter in the family, all of whom came to this country and settled in Union Hill. Krikor Gabriel attended the public schools of his native town, Egin, in Armenia, and then became a student in Central Turkey College, an American institution in Aintab, Turkey, where he remained for three years, taking a special course. He then taught for two years in the Protestant Church School. At the end of that time he returned to Egin and established a dry goods store, which he continued to successfully conduct for ten years. In 1897, however, he decided to leave his native land and go to the great land to the westward where he had learned that opportunities were great. With his wife and two children he landed in New York City that same year and at once went to Union Hill, New Jersey, where he established, about three months



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later, in June, 1897, the business which he is still conducting. His first store was opened at what is now No. 193 Bergenline avenue; later he removed to No. 229 Bergenline avenue, which he still conducts, in addition to larger quarters at Nos. 330-332 Bergenline avenue. At the beginning of his mercantile career in Union Hill Mr. Gabriel was associated with his brother in business and that connection, a partnership, was continued until the death of the brother in 1912. Since that time Mr. Gabriel has continued the business alone. He has built up a splendid trade and his already large patronage is steadily growing. He carries a general line of furniture and has so thoroughly learned the needs of his especial patronage that most of his customers find his stock always adequate to meet their demands. Along with his activities as a successful merchant Mr. Gabriel is deeply interested in gardening. Each year he has a splendid garden of his own, to which he devotes much time and energy. He is also deeply interested in the work of his church. He is a member of the Armenian Presbyterian Church, which for the past fourteen years he has served as a member of the board of trustees, which responsible official position he still holds. He has given time and also taken an active part in most of the general church activities, and has been an important factor in the development of many of its lines of activity. He has been much interested in Armenian national affairs and has given much of his time and financial help to different organization, that were endeavoring to help the Armenians in Turkey.

In Egin, Armenia, October 10, 1890, Krikor Gabriel married Perlan Haskalian, who was born in Egin, Armenia, daughter of Kevork Haskalian, who died in Constantinople, and Herepsima (Chil-

ingirian) Haskalian, who died in Egin, Armenia. Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel are the parents of three children, the first two of whom were born in Egin, Armenia, and the youngest of whom was born in Union Hill: Arshaluyce, who was born April 29, 1892; Ervant, who was born December 23, 1893; Zephyr, who was born June 17, 1897.

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### BUTTS, Theophilus,

**Banker.**

Among the names of men prominent in the financial field in Hoboken, New Jersey, that of the late Theophilus Butts, vice-president of the First National Bank of that city, was well-known and held in high esteem. His death caused deep grief among his many friends and associates and represents a distinct loss to the community.

Theophilus Butts was born in Hoboken, New Jersey, October 5, 1863. He received his early education in Public School, No. 2, in Hoboken, and later entered Hasbrouck Institute, at Jersey City, New Jersey. When his studies there were completed, he began his career as a banker, advancing step by step until he reached the important executive position which he held at the time of his death, that of vice-president of the First National Bank of Hoboken.

Mr. Butts maintained an independent attitude in politics, always voting for the man he thought best fitted to discharge the duties of the office for which he was a candidate. Fraternally, he was affiliated with Anglo-Saxon Lodge, No. 37, Free and Accepted Masons, of Brooklyn. He was a member of the Hoboken Chamber of Commerce, and his religious connection was as a member of the Methodist Church, of which his family are still communicants. The death of Mr. Butts

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caused deep grief and keen regret among his personal friends and business associates, who had learned to esteem and respect his ability and his sterling qualities of character.

On November 20, 1889, at Brooklyn, New York, Theophilus Butts married Mary H. Hart, daughter of W. H. and Elizabeth (Pierson) Hart. Mr. and Mrs. Butts were the parents of two children, both born in Brooklyn, New York: Helen, and Beatrice.

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### GRIESBACH, Otto Albert,

**Insurance, Real Estate Operator.**

For the past seventeen years Otto Albert Griesbach has been engaged in buying and selling real estate and in insuring both real and personal property as well as handling a large amount of life insurance. He is an expert in the appraisal of real values, and there are few in the county who are better acquainted with the real estate market in South Jersey than is he.

Mr. Griesbach was born in Coswig, Anhalt, Germany, February 28, 1876, son of the late William C. Griesbach, a soldier in the Franco-Prussian War, 1870-71, engaged in the wagon building business to the time of his retirement, and of Sophia Griesbach, with whom he came to this country when he was six years of age. He attended the public schools of Guttenberg, New Jersey, and the evening Art School at Cooper Union, and then definitely prepared for his chosen line of commercial design by taking an evening course in the Carriage and Automobile Technical School for Draftsmen. From the time of the completion of his course in designing, to 1906 he was employed as a designer of automobile bodies, working for various firms, and acquiring a wide experience. By 1906, however, he had be-

come interested in the real estate and insurance business and decided to give up his work as a designer. During the seventeen years which have passed since he made a definite change in his occupation, he has been most successfully building up a large and prosperous insurance business. He resides in West New York, New Jersey, but the field of his operations is not limited by the immediate environs of that community. He early acquired marked skill in the estimation of present values of real estate, as well as in the judgment of possible increases in value, and his opinion is often sought by those who are contemplating the purchase of real estate as an investment. He has bought and sold a vast amount of property in Hudson county during the past seventeen years and has materially aided in the development of several communities in that section of the State. He is treasurer of the Guttenberg Building and Loan Association, and has held that official position for the past eleven years. In West New York he has been interested in the educational advancement of the community and for one term of three years served as a member of the Board of Education. For ten years he served as a member of the New Jersey State Naval Militia (United States Ship "Portsmouth") and at the end of that time was honorably discharged with the rank of Chief Master-at-Arms. Mr. Griesbach has a host of friends in West New York and vicinity, and is widely known not only as a notably successful business man, but also as a genial friend and a loyal citizen. He is a charter member, and for two years was a member of the first board of directors, of the Kiwanis Club of North Hudson; is a member of Weehawken Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and of Hexamer Unit of the Steuben Society of America. As a member of the Hudson







*John Nevins Child.*

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County Board of Realtors, of the New Jersey State Board of Realtors, and of the National board of Realtors, he keeps in close touch with the developments of his line of business throughout the county, State, and nation; he is a member of the Hudson county board of underwriters, of the State Association of Insurance Agents; a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, of West New York, and his wife is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church of the Palisades, of West New York.

In West New York, New Jersey, July 29, 1913, Otto Albert Griesbach married Elizabeth Cecelia McDonald, daughter of John and Ann McDonald, the latter of whom is now living, aged eighty-seven years. Mr. and Mrs. Griesbach have no children.

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### NEVIN, John, M. D.,

#### Physician.

The list of Jersey City's men of the medical profession would be incomplete without the name of Dr. John Nevin, who is taking care of a large and important clientele in his native city. Practically the entire period of Dr. Nevin's life to the present time (1923) has been identified with the city of his birth, where he has won in a high degree the esteem of a host of friends and associates.

Born in Jersey City, New Jersey, son of Michael and Frances Nevin, both now deceased, Dr. Nevin attended St. Mary's Parochial School, of Jersey City, and then began his collegiate course in Manhattan College in New York City. When his college course was completed he matriculated in the medical department of the New York University, from which, in due time he received the degree Doctor of Medicine. Since then Dr. Nevin has been continuously engaged in practice in his

native city, but though he has built up a large general practice, the work of taking care of his private practice has not absorbed all of his time and attention. In several municipal and semi-philanthropic connections he has rendered valuable service and won an enviable reputation. He is surgeon of the Jersey City Police Department, medical director of Jersey City, has served as a member of the board of managers of the State Hospital for the Insane at Morris Plains, is an ex-member of the State Board of Institutions and Agencies, and has served as a member of the State Commission for the care of Insane and Mental Defectives.

In addition to the many professional responsibilities already mentioned, Dr. Nevin is also a member of the board of directors of the Trust Company, of New Jersey, and of the Colonial Life Insurance Company. Fraternally he is affiliated with Jersey City Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and with the Knights of Columbus. He is well known in club circles, being a member of the Union League Club, Arcola Country Club, of the Catholic Club of New York, and of the Practitioners' Club. He is also affiliated with the American Medical Association, the New Jersey State Medical Society, and the Hudson County Medical Society. His religious affiliation is with the Roman Catholic Church.

Dr. Nevin married, in Jersey City, Nellie Doherty, daughter of William and Mary Doherty, and they are the parents of one son, John Nevin, Jr.

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### KELLOGG, Morris Woodruff,

#### Business Man.

The history of Hudson county would not be complete without reference to The M. W. Kellogg Company, an industrial

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enterprise located in Jersey City and engaged in engineering, manufacturing, and contracting work. This business was founded in 1900 by Morris Woodruff Kellogg, who is still its active head, and through his good management and foresight it has become one of the leading industrial enterprises in Jersey City, employing approximately eight hundred persons. Morris W. Kellogg is a native of New Jersey, having been born in Elizabeth, on January 16, 1873. He is the son of James Crane Kellogg and Elizabeth Woodruff Kellogg, both of whom are descendants of old Colonial families. James Crane Kellogg was for a great many years established in business in New York City, having only recently retired.

Morris W. Kellogg received his early education in private schools in Elizabeth and Plainfield, and after attending a preparatory school for four years, he entered Stevens Institute of Technology, in Hoboken, graduating in 1894, with the degree of Mechanical Engineer. During his college years he was prominent in athletics, having been a member of the 1892 lacrosse team, which was at that time the champion team of America. After graduating from college, Mr. Kellogg spent several years in acquiring a general engineering and business experience, during part of the time having been identified with W. T. Hiscox & Company, of New York City. In 1900 Mr. Kellogg started in business for himself in a very small way, under the firm name of Kellogg & Alexander, as jobbers of small pipe and fittings. The company gradually branched out into handling larger materials of a similar kind, principally high pressure piping for power stations and industrial plants. During this period he opened a small shop in Newark for the manufacture of piping materials, and also took up

the erection of radial brick chimneys for industrial companies, which is still a branch of the business.

The company was reorganized in 1902, under the firm name of M. W. Kellogg & Company, continuing as such until 1905, when it was incorporated under the laws of New Jersey as The M. W. Kellogg Company. As the shop in Newark had by this time become entirely inadequate for the size and volume of materials turned out, work was started on a new plant, on about four acres of land, on West Side avenue, Jersey City, where the manufacture of the company's product continued for about fifteen years. During this period Mr. Kellogg became interested in the art of hammer forge welding and spent several years in an intensive study of the industry as practiced in this country and abroad, with a view of developing the art to a much higher degree of perfection than had ever been done before. Using the knowledge he had acquired by study as a basis, he worked out ideas originated by him, with the result that to-day the company is preëminent in this line of work in this country. In 1920 the company was reincorporated, with an enlarged capital stock, and, having again outgrown its quarters, a plot of forty-five acres of land was purchased at Droyers Point, in Jersey City, and work was started on a greatly enlarged plant. The new plant to date covers about one-fourth of the forty-five acres, and has cost approximately two million dollars. It is the intention to develop on this plot of ground a plant of the highest type and greatest degree of efficiency, equipped with the most modern equipment and most capable personnel, for turning out the company's product, with shipping facilities both by rail and water to all parts of the world.

During the last fifteen years The M. W. Kellogg Company has been engaged in



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the manufacture of power plant piping, large hammer welded receptacles for oil, gas, chemicals, etc., and large penstocks for hydro-electric developments. The hydro-electric piping ranges up to ten feet in diameter and two inches in thickness, and is used for conveying water under high head to hydro-electric stations. The company has installed its pipe in the highest head plant in the United States, to wit: 2,220 feet, in California, and has also shipped pipe lines to others parts of the world for similar use—Norway, Chile, India, Japan, Formosa, etc.

The M. W. Kellogg Company has been a great asset to the industrial life of Jersey City and during the last twenty years has contributed in a large degree to its industrial development. Mr. Kellogg is president of The M. W. Kellogg Company and has always been actively engaged in its management and development. He is from every point of view a one hundred per cent. American. During the war period he turned over his business to the management of subordinates and acted as director of aircraft production in Washington, in charge of a large personnel, at the war salary of one dollar a year. During the war The M. W. Kellogg Company gave up its normal business entirely, and engaged in the manufacture of war materials, turning out large numbers of hammer welded containers for shipment of poison gas, which was sent to France for offensive use, and at the urgent solicitation of the United States Government, the company trebled what had previously been considered its output of such articles.

Mr. Kellogg is himself a very hard worker, a typical energetic American, and is well liked throughout his organization because of his democratic ways, broad-mindedness, and personal devotion to his business. His remarkable success in

building up his present organization from a very small beginning is due to his intense application to business, his study of business conditions at all times, and his foresight in always keeping ahead of the times.

Mr. Kellogg married, in 1910, in New York City, Marie Austen Winthrop, who is also a member of an old Colonial family, and they have two daughters, Helen W., born July 29, 1912; and Beatrice W., born February 10, 1914. The Kellogg residence is at No. 14 East Seventy-second street, New York City.

Notwithstanding his extensive interests and responsibilities, Mr. Kellogg finds time to devote to golf and other sports. He is a member of several prominent clubs, among them the University, Engineers, Racquet & Tennis, and The Links.

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### **BROWN, William Ferdinand,**

#### **Lumber Manufacturer.**

Taking a broadly practical part in the industrial world of Jersey City, New Jersey, as president of the Dodge & Bliss Company, manufacturers of lumber, boxes, and so forth, William Ferdinand Brown holds a leading place in the business advance of Hudson county, New Jersey, and is numbered among the successful men of the day. Coming of an old English family, settled for upwards of a century and a quarter in America, Mr. Brown gives to his work the ability and tenacity of purpose which have come down to him from a long line of ancestors prominent in the industries. He is a son of William and Esther C. (Stevens) Brown; the father born in New York City, became a prominent hat manufacturer of Jersey City, where he died at the age of seventy years. The mother was also born in New York City, and

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died in Jersey City at the age of sixty-eight years. They were the parents of four children: Elizabeth, deceased; William F., of further mention; Fannie L., Helmer; and Cora Opdyke.

William F. Brown was born in the Greenwich Village section of New York City, September 22, 1863. His education was begun in the public schools of the metropolis, and as a young man he had the advantage of a course at the College of the City of New York. Meantime the family removed to Jersey City when he was sixteen years of age, and he has since then been a resident of this city. His early business experience was in the employ of a pencil house in New York, in the capacity of clerk; in the year 1883 he became identified with the present concern, then known as A. M. Dodge & Company. Accepting first a subordinate position as office assistant, he rose by steady degrees, acting as salesman, then secretary, later treasurer, then vice-president, and in 1917 became president of the company. This concern has been active in the manufacture of lumber, boxes, shooks, and in this general line of product since its founding, holds leading rank in its field in Hudson county, and indeed, in the entire metropolitan district. With plant and offices at the intersection of West Side avenue with the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad, they are located to the greatest advantage, and are doing a very extensive and constantly increasing business. Mr. Brown is further identified with the business world as a director of the New Jersey Title Guarantee & Trust Company, formerly served as vice-president of the Jersey City Chamber of Commerce, and is a director of the United States Chamber of Commerce. He is also vice-president of the National Packing-Box Making Association. Mr. Brown has few interests which do not

more or less closely align with his business affairs, but he is socially connected with the Carteret Club, of Jersey City, of which he is at this time (1923) president. His chief leisure interest is music, and for ten years he sang in the Old Dutch Church, of which he has for many years been a member, as baritone soloist.

William Ferdinand Brown married, in Jersey City, New Jersey, on September 30, 1884, Imogene Clark, who was born in Jersey City, and is a daughter of James N. and Emily Clark, her father formerly prominent in the business world as a manufacturer of pencil cases, with a factory on the site of the present Colgate plant. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are the parents of four children: Dr. Harold W., who died in the late war, in a hospital camp at Washington, District of Columbia; Roy C. of Jersey City, a student; Douglas, also of Jersey City, an officer in the concern of which his father is the head; and Elizabeth, who died in infancy.

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### **BAUCE, Charles William,**

**Civil Engineer, Contractor.**

In the field of civil engineering, Charles W. Bauce has for many years been prominent in Jersey City, and his activities have also taken him to many distant points, where he has won recognition and success. Mr. Bauce is a member of a very old English family, and his father, Charles William Bauce, was born at Lewes, England, in the year 1856, coming to the United States early in life. A young man of great promise, and exporter by business affiliation, his future was of the brightest, when he was cut down at the age of twenty-six years, and died in 1882. He married Mary Edith Harrison, who was born in New York City in 1856, and still survives her husband, residing in Montclair, New Jersey.

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Charles William Bauce was born at the family home on William street, Jersey City, January 20, 1876. His education was begun at public school No. 12, and he later spent five years at Cooper Institute, New York City, from which he received his degree of civil engineer. His first business experience was in the employ of Earle & Harrison, Jersey City, and he remained in that connection until the year 1900. He then became identified with the Jersey City Water Works, and was active in the extensive work connected with the laying out and completion of the Hudson County Boulevard, and the connection of Jersey City with Boonton, New Jersey, at the completion of these contracts entering business for himself. In the year 1910 Mr. Bauce went to Toronto, Canada, to accept the responsible position of city engineer of Toronto, the duties of which office he ably filled from 1912 until 1914, inclusive. In the following year he was active in construction work on the Welland Canal, then in 1916 went to Wheeling West Virginia, to become associated with the Wheeling & Eastern railroad. In this connection Mr. Bauce built a railroad from the coal regions of Pennsylvania to Wheeling. Upon his return to Jersey City he associated himself with the late Cornelius S. Edwards and James W. Edwards, in the general contracting business, in which he is still engaged. With offices in the First National Bank building, Jersey City, the firm is taking front rank in their field, and their business is developing to large proportions. They have constructed many highways and bridges, and their work of this nature is commanding the favorable attention of the most noted experts. One of the unusual and interesting contracts which they filled was the erection of the Jersey City arena, which required two million feet of lumber, and which they

were compelled to complete in a period of two months for the Dempsey-Carpentier match. The firm is constantly going forward, and its members being practical, highly-trained and experienced men, their future is assured. Mr. Bauce has few interests except those of a business nature, but is fraternally identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 25, of Wheeling, West Virginia. He is a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church of Newark, being a resident of the Forest Hill section of that city.

Mr. Bauce married, in Jersey City, in 1908, Bijou Shipman, daughter of Charles M. and Mary Teresa (Britton) Shipman, her father a native of Whippany, Morris county, New Jersey, and her mother of Staten Island, New York.

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### HOLTHAUSEN, Carl F.,

**Business Man.**

One of the well-known business men of Union Hill, New Jersey, is Carl F. Holthausen, general manager of the A. Holthausen department store. Mr. Holthausen is a native of the Town of Union and has many friends in that section of Hudson county. Arend Holthausen, father of Carl F., is the organizer of the progressive concern which is incorporated under the name of A. Holthausen. The business was founded in 1878 and during the forty-five years of its existence it has not only prospered and grown, but has also made for itself a reputation for honest and efficient business methods.

Carl F. Holthausen, son of Arend and Helen (Knauer) Holthausen, was born in Union, New Jersey, March 9, 1888. After receiving a practical education in the public schools of his native town, he became associated with his father in the A. Holthausen department store and since that time has been continually identified



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with the enterprise of which he is now general manager. Mr. Holthausen is well-known in the community and has won the esteem of his business associates as well as of his many personal friends.

On June 5, 1912, at Cliffside, New Jersey, Carl F. Holthausen married Florence Madeline McClove, daughter of Major Steve Wood and Hannah McClove, and they are the parents of three children: Carl F., Jr., born June 14, 1915; Duncan McClove, born March 26, 1917; and Marguerite Louise, born April 29, 1919.

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### ACCOMANDO, John,

**Real Estate Operator.**

Among those who are buying and selling lands and houses in Hudson county, New Jersey, is John Accomando, a native of Italy, who came to this country when he was sixteen years of age, and after several years' experience working at a trade, came to North Bergen and engaged in the real estate business. That was a quarter of a century ago, and Mr. Accomando is now well-known as an expert in his line.

Born in Italy, April 18, 1869, Mr. Accomando is a son of Alexander and Catherine Accomando. He received his education in the public schools of his native country, but when he was sixteen years of age decided to try his fortune in America. He came to New York City in 1887, and there learned the machinist's trade, which he continued to successfully follow for a period of twelve years, five of which were spent in New York City. In 1892 he removed to North Bergen, Hudson county, New Jersey, where he continued to follow his trade for seven years longer. He had worked hard at his trade and had thriftily saved a fair portion of his earnings, and in 1898 he resolved to engage in business for himself. He opened a real estate office, and since that time he has

continuously and successfully been engaged in the buying and selling of lands and houses. He is a good appraiser of land values and of future possibilities in the real estate business, and has built up a very large and lucrative business, having been in the real estate business for the past twenty-seven years. Politically, he casts his vote independently.

Mr. Accomando is a member of Union Hill Lodge, No. 1357, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and is also a member of the Sons of Italy. Mr. Accomando's office is located at No. 1304 Palisade Plaza, Hudson Heights, New Jersey.

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### DATZ, Albert,

**Printer.**

Reared and educated in his native city, Mr. Datz entered into business life in Jersey City, and here built up his success.

He was born March 4, 1861, in Jersey City, New Jersey, son of Mathias and Elizabeth Datz, his father a merchant in the shoe business. The son attended the public schools of Jersey City, and after gaining some experience in the business world, he founded, in 1890, the firm of Albert Datz Company, printers. This business Mr. Datz brought to a substantial success, and in 1920, he retired. He has been an interested worker for the welfare of his city, besides his civic interests, is associated and identified with the fraternal, religious and club life of Jersey City. He is connected with the West Bergen Trust Company; is a member of Jersey City Lodge, No. 211, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Foresters of America; Knights of Pythias; Royal Arcanum; the Carteret Club, and in his religious affiliation is a member of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church.

He married on March 27, 1902, Anna C.



*John St. Command*





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Fuechsel, daughter of August H. and Clara E. Fuechsel, and they are the parents of Helen A. Datz, born May 28, 1911.

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**DROUTMAN, Benjamin,**

**Real Estate Operator.**

Thoroughly representative of the younger group of business executives of Hudson county, New Jersey, Benjamin Droutman, of Secaucus, is forging ahead to the front ranks in real estate activities in this section. With practical educational training, backed by natural business ability, he has taken up his life work in an energetic and optimistic way, which augurs well for the future.

Mr. Droutman was born in Russia, July 8, 1898, and is a son of Robert and Rachel (Ostrofsky) Droutman, natives of that country. Six months of age when he came with his parents to the United States, the family settled permanently in Hudson county, New Jersey, in 1906. The boy's education was begun in the public schools of New York City, then he attended Jersey City High School, after which he covered a practical commercial course at the Holmes Business College, in Jersey City. Mr. Droutman's first business experience was in the capacity of traveling salesman with a manufacturer of automobile fabrics, handling a line of specialties in this field. Thereafter he was active in various commercial enterprises for a time, then entered his present field of real estate and insurance, along general brokerage lines. He is broadly interested in many development projects as well, and acts as secretary of the Port Development Realty Company. His offices are located in Secaucus, and with his interests centering here, he is doing an extensive and constantly increasing business. He is a member of the local Chamber of Commerce, and supports

every movement for civic betterment. In political affiliation he is a Democrat, but in all affairs of local or national import, he endorses all advance, and lends his influence to organizations working for the general good.

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**HANNAN, John M.,**

**Business Man, Public Official.**

In business affairs and in the public life of Hudson county, John M. Hannan has for many years been prominently identified with the general advance, and no record of the progress of this section would be complete without his name. Possessing practical business ability, he has applied this faculty equally to his individual enterprises and public service, and now as under-sheriff of Hudson county, and a resident of Weehawken, he is one of the best known men in this section and is highly esteemed by all with whom he comes in contact. Mr. Hannan is a son of Michael Hannan, who was born in County Sligo, Ireland, and came to the United States as a young man, becoming prominent in mercantile activities in Weehawken, New Jersey, where he was active until his death. The mother, Bridget (Rock) Hannan, was also born in Ireland and survives her husband.

John M. Hannan was born at Weehawken, New Jersey, October 13, 1875. His education was begun in the local public schools and later he attended the parochial schools of West Hoboken and Hoboken. At the early age of thirteen years, Mr. Hannan entered the world of men and affairs, securing a position with the Produce Exchange under Fowler Brothers. There he was active for about eight years, during the latter part of which time he served as paymaster. He then became identified with Steinhart Brothers & Company, wholesale liquor dealers of

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New York City, where he remained, however, for only one year, thereafter entering the field of real estate and insurance as a broker and independent operator. Active thus until the year 1897, Mr. Hannan then represented the Pennsylvania railroad in the purchase of the tunnel property in Weehawken and since that time his attention has been largely occupied by his public service.

In the year 1898 Mr. Hannan was appointed overseer of the poor of Weehawken, and this was but the beginning of his long and honorable public service. In 1900 he was elected tax assessor, serving in that capacity until 1914, when he was succeeded by J. G. Meister. He was then made deputy supreme court clerk under J. Tumulty, and served in this connection for about six months. He was appointed under sheriff of Hudson county in the year 1917, under John Magner and was re-appointed by Thomas Madigan when Mr. Magner's term expired and Mr. Madigan succeeded him to this office of sheriff. Mr. Hannan is now a candidate for the office of sheriff of Hudson county and with his long experience as under-sheriff and his splendid record in this capacity it is, perhaps, only a matter of the formality of election which will place him in this office. Mr. Hannan has worked his way up from obscurity, but has built his success wholly upon worthy activity and conscientious service. He has done much for this county and city, and is one of the popular men of the day in public life in the community. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of Hoboken, is a member of the Third Ward Democratic Club; and attends St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church in the town of Union.

Mr. Hannan married at Union, April 2, 1902, Isabell Felon, who was born in Union and is a daughter of Martin and

Katherine (Golden) Felon, both now living. Mr. and Mrs. Hannan are the parents of four children: John J.; William M.; Ralph; and Katherine.

### WALKER, Rutherford H.,

#### Real Estate Promoter.

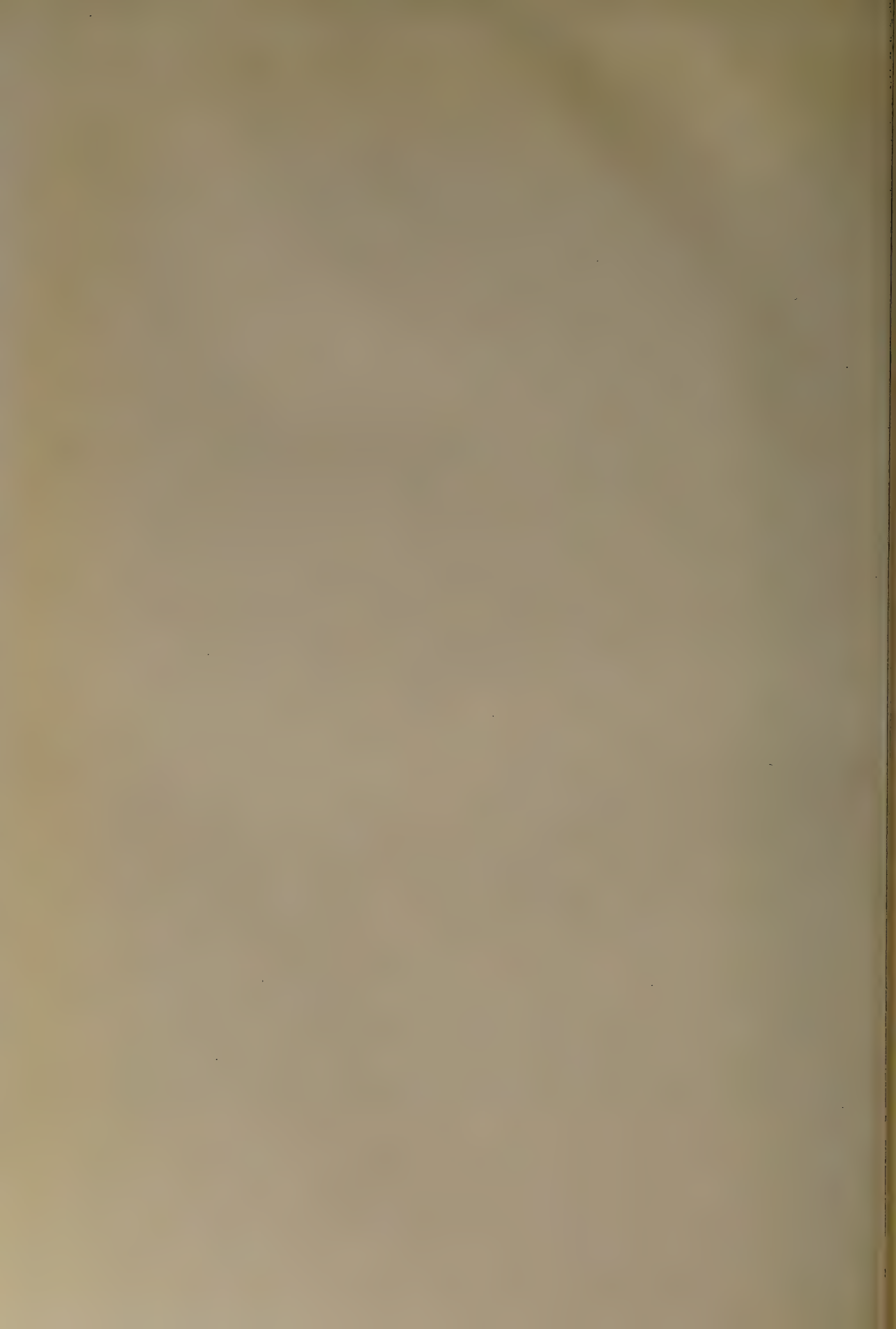
Rutherford H. Walker was born in Guttenberg, June 22, 1876, the son of Herman and Diana H. M. (Behrens) Walker. The grandfather of Rutherford H. Walker was Frederick W. Walker, who was born in Germany and came to America in 1848. He became a manufacturer and wholesale dealer and importer of walking canes, establishing a successful business. In politics he was a strong Republican, at one time being vice-president of a Fremont campaign club in New York City. He died in 1880. Frederick W. and Barbara Walker were the parents of Herman, William, Frederick, Emily, Bertha, Ida, Albert, and Louise.

Herman Walker, the father of Rutherford H. Walker, was born in New York City, on April 21, 1850, and died at Alpine, November 27, 1913. He married, on August 26, 1875, Diana H. M. Behrens, daughter of John and Diana Behrens. They were the parents of: Rutherford H., of further mention; Clarence Frederick, Thaddeus Lincoln, Aaron Stockholm Baldwin, Cynthia Victoria, and Vivian Diana. Herman Walker lived in the town of Guttenberg from 1860 till his decease. He finished his schooling when he was fourteen years of age and at seventeen was placed in charge of his father's business in New York City. In 1878 he embarked in the real estate and insurance line, becoming very successful, and at the time of his death was one of the largest individual real estate owners in North Hudson county and in the southern part of Bergen county, which sections he ma-

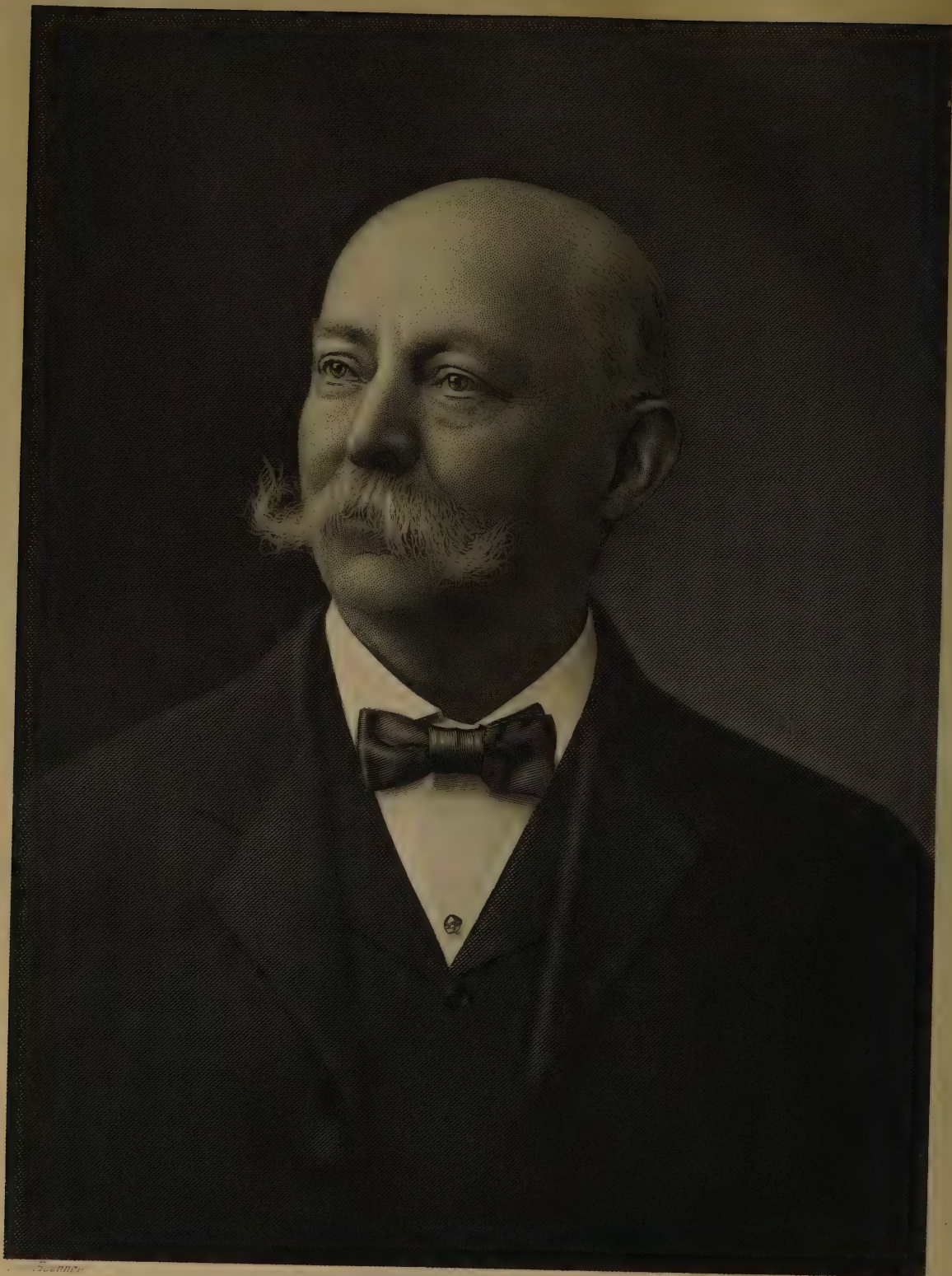


*Rutherford H. Walker*









*German Walker*



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terially aided in developing. Mr. Walker was president of Eldorado, the amusement resort of the Palisades; of the New York and Rochester Steel Mat Company, of the North Hudson Land Company, of the Hudson View Company, of the Fairview Cemetery Company, and of the Eldorado Realty Company. In addition to being president and a director of said corporations, he was also a director in the Second National Bank of Hoboken, New Jersey, the Woodcliff Land Improvement Company, and the North Jersey Title Company. Apart from his business connections, Mr. Walker was well known in the political life of Hudson county. Although the Democratic stronghold of Northern Jersey, Hudson county always came to the support of Mr. Walker when he sought office. From his early voting years, he had been an ardent supporter of the Republican party and defended its principles ably. Since 1871 till a few years before his death, he had been a delegate to every Republican State Convention. He was a member of the Republican County Committee for twenty years and in 1889 was the candidate of the Republican party and of the Jeffersonian Democrats for county clerk of Hudson county.

In Democratic Guttenberg his popularity was such that he was never defeated at any election in which he was a candidate. In 1878 he was assessor and clerk of the joint committee to set off the town of Guttenberg from the township of Union. This being accomplished, he was town clerk of Guttenberg from 1878 to 1886; from 1881 to 1886, and from 1888 to 1895, he was town recorder; a member of the Board of Councilmen in 1886, 1887, 1897 and 1898; he held the position of chairman of the board in 1886, 1897, and 1898, the incumbent of said office of chairman being called mayor; and from 1879

to 1899 he was justice of the peace. At the expiration of this office, he refused to become a candidate for any political office. Mr. Walker was an active member of the Guttenberg Fire Department for over twenty years, and vice-president in 1890-1891 of the New Jersey State Firemen's Association, of which he was a life member. He was a member of the Union League of Jersey City, of the Lincoln Association of Jersey City, of the Fairview Council, Royal Arcanum, and of the Franklin Club of Guttenberg. He was also a governor of the North Hudson Hospital. A lover of nature and beauty, Mr. Walker was a strenuous advocate of public parks and for years, in connection with other owners, refrained from cutting up beautiful Highwood Park into building lots, so as to give the, at the time, Park Commission a chance to purchase said site. It was also largely through his efforts and donations of land, that the Loop of the Hudson county boulevard from Hoboken to the county line was accomplished. He always urged the consolidation of the county into one city and was appointed by Governor Foster N. Voorhees as one of the commissioners to examine and report on the matter of such consolidation.

Rutherford H. Walker was educated in the public schools of his native town. At the early age of thirteen, he left school and entered into the business world, employed by the Insurance Company of North America as office boy. He was in their employ for ten years, being promoted from time to time. In 1901, when the Fairview Cemetery Company came into existence, through the efforts of his father, Mr. Walker became connected with the new company as treasurer, which position he holds to this day. At the same time he associated himself with his father in the real estate business and upon

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the death of Herman Walker, in 1913, was made administrator of the estate. His father owned over six hundred acres of land in all parts of New Jersey, which his son is caring for and developing. Fairview, New Jersey, is one of the sections that the elder Mr. Walker developed. Rutherford H. Walker is at present building a large factory at Little Ferry for the manufacture of brick and roof tile. His object is to bring the manufacture of brick to such a scale that the erection of a brick house will cost little more than the building of a wooden one.

Mr. Walker is president of the Herman Walker Realty Company, of the Hudson Heights Realty Company, and the Fairview Development Company. He is comptroller of the Cedar Grove Cemetery Association, of Flushing, Long Island; secretary and treasurer of the Fairview Heights Cemetery Company, treasurer of Fairview Cemetery Company, treasurer of the Mausoleum Company of America and of the Hudson Heights Construction Company. He is a member of the Union Hill Lodge, No. 1357, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and of the Lincoln Association of Jersey City. Like his father, he is an ardent follower of the Republican party.

His business address is No. 72 Twenty-fourth street, Guttenberg.

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### VIVARTTAS, Percie A.,

**Architect, Builder.**

One of the well-known architects of Hudson county is Percie A. Vivarttas, who has his offices in Union Hill, New Jersey, where he has been drawing plans and superintending the erection of homes and public buildings for more than twenty years. He is a descendant of an old New England family which came to this country about 1663, and settled in

East Greenwich, Rhode Island, where, in 1667, the original family homestead was built. The family bears a coat-of-arms and the genealogy of the several branches has been published.

Mr. Vivarttas was born in New York City, October 26, 1873, his father a marine architect, engineer, and an inventor. His parents removed from New York City to West Hoboken, New Jersey, in 1879, and in the public schools of that city he received his early education. He then began his professional study in the Mechanics and Trades Institute of New York City, where he completed his course with graduation in 1894. While studying in New York City he supplemented his work with practical experience by securing part-time employment with some of the big architectural firms of the city, and after graduation he continued with various architectural firms in New York City until 1900; he then opened an office of his own in Union Hill, New Jersey, where he has continued to follow his profession to the present time. He is well-known as a skillful architect and as a man of sound business principles, and has built up a very large patronage. Among the structures which he has recently designed are the State Theatre, of Jersey City, the Town Theatre, of Union Hill, New Jersey, and the Katonah Golf and Country Club house. In addition to his professional activities he has found time to take an active personal interest in public affairs, and about twenty years ago was a member of Weehawken Board of Education. During the period of the participation of the United States in the World War he designed the surgical wards at Laurel Hill. Mr. Vivarttas has a legion of friends in Union Hill and vicinity. He is an enthusiastic bicyclist and motorist, and is a member of the Wheeling Club. He is very fond of all out-of-



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door athletic sports and is popular among the men of the community, both young and old. He is a member of the Volunteer Fire Association, which connection he has maintained for twenty-six years; of Euclid Lodge, No. 136, Free and Accepted Masons, of Hoboken, New Jersey, in which body he is on the staff of the Grand Masters; and he is also a member of Zem Zem Grotto, Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets, of the Enchanted Realm; a member of Hoboken Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and his religious affiliation is with St. John's Episcopal Church.

On August 25, 1917, in New York City, Percie A. Vivarttas married Cecelia Herzeg, and they are the parents of one daughter, Helen Alice Vivarttas, born July 6, 1919.

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### COHEN, Louis S.,

#### Merchant.

President of the People's Outfit Company, Inc., of No. 111 Washington street, Hoboken, New Jersey, and a former president of the Hoboken Merchants' Association, Mr. Cohen is one of the prominent members of the business community at Hoboken. He was born in Russia, August 31, 1875, son of Morris and Minnie Cohen. Both of his parents were natives of Russia. His father was a contractor of wide reputation, and achieved a substantial business success.

Mr. Cohen received his education in the public schools of his native country. He came to the United States at an early age and lived for some years in New York City, where he was married. In 1911 he became president of the People's Outfit Company, Inc., and under his management this great mercantile establishment has risen to a position of enviable prosperity and importance in the business

world of Hoboken. It deals in wearing apparel for men and women, and is widely known for the high quality of the merchandise it sells, as well as for the prompt, careful, and courteous service given to customers. Mr. Cohen has remarkable powers of organization and a keen sense of market conditions, and the probable effect upon prices of the fluctuations in the value of raw materials, and these qualities, combined with rare energy and business courage, have enabled him to assume a position of authority in the community. He is a great believer in modern business efficiency and spares no pains to maintain the highest degree of efficiency throughout his establishment. The personnel of the company, and the equipment of the various departments, are selected for their adaptability and usefulness, and every employe of the firm feels a personal responsibility towards the customer upon whom he waits, whether his needs be large or small.

Mr. Cohen is a member of many fraternal and social organizations and enters fully into the life of the city. He is a progressive and vigorous member of the Hoboken Merchants' Association, of which he served for a number of years as president, and belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, of Hoboken. In politics he is an Independent, supporting constructive legislative measures and policies and using his influence at all times for the economic welfare of the community. He is a Mason of long standing, holding membership in the Bethel Lodge, No. 207, of that order at Hoboken. He is also a member of Hoboken Lodge, No. 74, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and takes a great interest in the work of this organization. In religious faith, Mr. Cohen is an Orthodox Hebrew, and belongs to the Temple at Hoboken. He takes a great interest in all Jewish



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welfare and philanthropic work, and is one of the most active and influential members of the Hoboken Jewish Community Centre.

On January 23, 1901, Mr. Cohen married, in New York City, Celia S. Harris, daughter of Hyman and Esther Harris. Mrs. Cohen, like her husband, is a native of Russia, and is the daughter of Russian parents. Mr. and Mrs. Cohen have three children: Henry Mortimer, who was born in New York City, November 17, 1902; Sylvan S. who was born at Hoboken, July 28, 1904; and Esther, who was born at Hoboken, September 17, 1914.

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### **PAWLOWSKI, Alexander Stenley,**

**Real Estate and Insurance Broker.**

Among the younger men of Hudson county, Alexander S. Pawlowski is taking a noteworthy place as a prosperous and aggressive dealer in real estate, his broad appreciation of the responsibilities of life and his efforts in constructive lines making his activities definitely useful to the people. Mr. Pawlowski is a son of John and Mary (Secagelski) Pawlowski, who were born in Poland, but are now residents of Jersey City. They are the parents of three children: John; Alexander S., of whom further; and Frank, all living in Jersey City.

Alexander S. Pawlowski was born in the town of Sierpc, Poland, February 27, 1894, and attended the public schools of his native place until the age of thirteen years, when he came, with the family, to Jersey City. Here he entered public school No. 31 and was graduated at the age of eighteen years, immediately thereafter going into business with his father, who was gaining prominence and success as a dealer in second-hand lumber. In this field, Mr. Pawlowski gained a general knowledge of real estate and construction

activities and conditions, in Hudson county, and became deeply interested in this general field as a business. In the year 1921 he established offices at No. 707 Newark avenue, and has since then been active there in real estate and insurance brokerage, gaining a position of marked success. He is more or less interested also in real estate development work, and his activities are contributing in a permanent way to the growth and development of the city. In April of 1918, Mr. Pawlowski enlisted in the United States army at Camp Hancock, New Jersey, and was assigned to the Medical Corps, in which connection he served until his discharge in December of the same year. Broadly interested in all that makes for public advance, he is a member of the Polish Politician Club of Jersey City, and belongs to the Polish church.

Mr. Pawlowski married, in Jersey City, Lillian Szymanski, who was born in Jersey City, and is a daughter of Antony and Annie Szymanski. Mr. and Mrs. Pawlowski are the parents of two children: Alexander, born October 16, 1921; and Tadelurz Leonard, born February 3, 1923.

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### **STOECKEL, Frederick,**

**Real Estate Operator.**

The real estate business was the calling to which Mr. Stoeckel's inclinations tended from his earliest activity in the world of affairs, and it is in that field that he has, comparatively early in his career, made substantial contribution to the business life of the day in the upbuilding of New Jersey communities. Mr. Stoeckel is a native of New York City, but New Jersey has been his home from early childhood. He is a son of August and Ida (Wagner) Stoeckel, his father superintendent of Borden's Condensed Milk Company in

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Jersey City, having brought the first Borden's milk wagon to Jersey City, in 1889, establishing for the Borden interests depots at Newark, Hackensack, Union Hill and in Staten Island, as well as in Jersey City.

Frederick Stoeckel was born September 23, 1889, and soon afterwards the family home was moved from New York City to Jersey City. He was graduated from Public School No. 11, and from 1906 to 1909 was a clerk and later bookkeeper in the New York headquarters of the Borden's Milk Company. Real estate operations drew him this early, and in the evenings, after a day of work at the depot, he sought prospective buyers or sellers of property, having by 1909 gained sufficient familiarity with this line of work to open an office independently, forming a partnership as Stoeckel & Williams in general real estate and insurance lines, with offices at No. 483 Ocean avenue. Mr. Williams withdrew from the firm the following year and Mr. Stoeckel continued alone at the same location until 1912, when he spent a short time as real estate salesman for S. Rowland. Thereafter he opened his present office at the corner of Monticello avenue and Communipaw street, incorporating as the Stoeckel Realty Corporation, and conducting a real estate brokerage and insurance business. In 1917 Mr. Stoeckel organized the Stoweden Realty Company, which purchased the property that is the present site of the State Theatre, on the Boulevard, with the intention of erecting a hotel, a project that he was compelled to abandon when he enlisted during the World War as a member of the Medical Supply Department, United States army, with which unit he was stationed at New York City.

The Stoeckel Realty Corporation are managing directors of the Maple Crest development at Maplewood, a suburb of

Newark, New Jersey, and Mr. Stoeckel is also vice-president of the Maple Crest Development Company. A tract of ninety acres is being opened up at Maplewood and Mr. Stoeckel and his associates have spared no effort to make it one of the most desirable residential localities in the metropolitan area. Mr. Stoeckel is also conducting the sale of seven hundred lots at Deal, New Jersey, for the Deal Park Company. All of these important undertakings have been vigorously prosecuted and the results have been gratifying to those parties most intimately concerned, the owners, the brokers, and the purchasing public. Mr. Stoeckel was president of the Hudson County Real Estate Board in 1921 and 1922, and during his administration that organization took new lease of life, its membership increasing from seven to one hundred and eighty-nine. As president he secured offices for the board, a paid executive and stenographer, and installed modern business methods in the rapidly growing board, being responsible for the installation of the Multiple Listing System used in the office. In this office Mr. Stoeckel also accomplished much toward the enactment into law of the bill requiring a real estate operator to secure a license, legal regulation that tends to bar irresponsible persons from the business. Mr. Stoeckel is also a member of the Real Estate League of New Jersey, the National League of Real Estate Dealers, and the Jersey City Chamber of Commerce; is a director of the Lincoln, the Sherwood, the Union, and the Veteran Building and Loan associations, and ranks as an influential member of the Jersey City real estate fraternity. His social memberships are in the Lions Club, the Carteret Club, the Craftsmen's Club, and he fraternizes with the Masonic order, in which he holds the thirty-second degree; the Benevolent and Protective Order of



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Elks; and the Loyal Order of Moose. He is also a member of the Masonic Club, and a communicant of the Bergen Dutch Reformed Church.

Mr. Stoeckel married Elsa Marquart, daughter of Frederick Marquart, deceased, who was a grocer and meat dealer of Jersey City.

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### KEUFFEL, Willy G.,

**Business Executive.**

Willy G. Keuffel, president of the Keuffel & Esser Company, in which office he succeeded his father, who was one of the founders of the business. Mr. Keuffel was born August 12, 1875, in Hoboken, son of Wilhelm J. D. and Bertha (Schneeberger) Keuffel. From 1867 until his death, October, 1908, the former was actively identified with the business industry of Hoboken as head of the firm of Keuffel & Esser Company. After completing his formal education, Willy G. Keuffel was admitted to his father's business and under the preceptorship of the latter, mastered each detail; in due course of time he was promoted to the office of vice-president, and his father was president. In 1909, after the latter's death, he became president, which office he has continued to hold and has succeeded in maintaining the same high standard as before. He is a director of the Second National Bank, a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and is otherwise active in civic affairs. His political views are those of an Independent, and he can always be relied upon to give his staunch support where he believes in the candidate's qualifications. Fraternally Mr. Keuffel is a member of Lodge No. 74, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Hoboken; and is a member of the Union Club and of the Carteret Club. He is a communicant of the St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, of Hoboken.

Mr. Keuffel married, at Hoboken, November 5, 1905, Ida O. Lehman, born in New York City, daughter of O. A. and Ida Lehman.

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### KEALEY, Daniel S.,

**Superintendent of Schools.**

For more than half a century the ancestors of Daniel S. Kealey have been prominent in the civic life of the city of Hoboken, New Jersey, and in Hudson county. It was sixty years ago that his maternal grandfather, Daniel Sullivan, was elected a member of the Board of Aldermen of Hoboken, and both his grandfathers served in the Union Army during the Civil War. Mr. Kealey has been very active in educational affairs in Hoboken and is now superintendent of all the schools of that city.

Patrick Joseph Kealey, father of Daniel S. Kealey, was born in Ireland and came to this country while still a young man. He settled in Hoboken, where he took an active part in public affairs and was finally made a member of the police department. He married Mary E. Sullivan, a native of Hoboken, and both are still living in the city of Hoboken.

Daniel S. Kealey, son of Patrick Joseph and Mary E. (Sullivan) Kealey, was born in Hoboken, New Jersey, October 28, 1893. After receiving his early education in private schools and in the elementary public school of Hoboken, he prepared for college in the Xavier High School, of New York City, and then matriculated in Fordham University, New York City, from which he was graduated in 1914, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then secured a position as teacher in the Hoboken High School, but at the same time was continuing his studies in Fordham University, from which he received the degree of Master of Arts in 1914, and the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1917.



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He continued his connection with the Hoboken High School until 1917, in which year he became associated with the law firm of Smith, Mabin & Kerr, as a trial lawyer. The entrance of the United States into the World War, however, interrupted his career as a lawyer. He at once enlisted in the navy in 1917, beginning as fireman. His energy, his ability and his faithfulness were soon recognized and he was several times promoted until finally he was made a junior grade lieutenant of the Naval Reserves Hospital. He made several trips overseas and also saw service on the battleship "Florida," attached to the machinery division as an engineer. He received his honorable discharge in March, 1919, and at once returned to Hoboken, where, in the same year, 1919, he was made principal of the elementary school. Two years later he was appointed principal of the high school of that city, and in May, 1921, was made superintendent of all the schools of the city. His promotion to that responsible position came as the recognition of unusual ability and faithfulness and Mr. Kealey has the honor of being, at the present time (1923), the youngest superintendent of schools in the United States. He is deeply interested in the work of the educational field and has already made his influence widely felt in the city of Hoboken. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and with the Knights of Columbus. He is also a member of the Kiwanis Club of Hoboken, which he serves as district trustee; and is also a member of the American Legion, and of the Industrial Board of Education of New Jersey, to which last position he was appointed by the National Government.

Daniel S. Kealey married, on August 29, 1922, at Hoboken, New Jersey, Mildred Mellen, daughter of George, a former

police commissioner of Hoboken, and also former major league baseball player and a member of the State Department of Internal Revenue, and of Jane (Carpenter) Mellen, both of whom are now living in Hoboken.

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### WEHRHAN, Fred L.,

**Realtor.**

Prominent in the real estate world and also as a veteran of the World War, Fred L. Wehrhan is a noteworthy figure among the progressive and enterprising young men of Union, New Jersey. Educated in the metropolitan districts, especially with the business career in mind, he has taken up his life work with the fearless attitude of the young man who is confident of his future, and he is counted among the promising figures of the day.

Fred L. Wehrhan was born in Weehawken, New Jersey, May 14, 1900, a son of Henry C. and Annie (Rose) Wehrhan, for many years leading residents of this section. Mr. Wehrhan's education was begun in the public schools of West New York, and he began his higher studies at the Union Hill High School, but was graduated from the Monticello High School, after which he entered Columbia University for a commercial course. His studies at Columbia were interrupted by his enlistment in the United States Marine Corps, serving during the World War for eighteen months. Upon his return to civilian life, he entered the real estate business in Union Hill, and with offices at No. 17 Bergenline avenue, Union, New Jersey, he has gained an assured footing in his chosen field of endeavor.

Keeping in touch with the general progress of events along all lines of endeavor, Mr. Wehrhan supports the Democratic party in political affairs, and although he

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has thus far taken no leading part in public life, he is a worker in the ranks of the party. He is a well-known member of the local post of the American Legion, also of the Veterans of the Foreign Wars, and is popular in social circles.

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**McCOY, James Waring,**

**Business Man.**

One of the substantial industrial concerns of Hoboken, New Jersey, is that of which Mr. McCoy is president, the Tidewater Iron Works Company. He is well known as the active head of this manufacturing establishment and through his association with fraternal, social and business organizations is in close general touch with community affairs.

James Waring McCoy is a son of Henry J., a native of Troy, New York, and Marie (Gonzales) McCoy, of New York City. He was born at Bloomer, Wisconsin, July 19, 1888, and educated at St. Paul's Boarding School, in Concord, New Hampshire, and at Harvard University. In 1906 his father had organized the company of which he is now president, and after the younger man had been associated with the business for some time and had familiarized himself with its details, he was appointed, in 1913, to his present responsible position, with Henry J. McCoy as treasurer. The company fabricates steel plate for all purposes, employing on an average, thirty men.

Mr. McCoy maintains the attitude of an independent in political matters. During the World War he served in the United States Navy, enlisting as ordinary seaman, in May, 1917, and was promoted to ensign, serving on escort duty off the coast of France. He was honorably discharged in February, 1919. He is a member of the Harvard Club, of New York City; Essex County Country Club, and

the Hoboken Chamber of Commerce. In religious faith he is a member of the Presbyterian Church at East Orange.

Mr. McCoy married, on April 29, 1916, at Brooklyn, New York, Anne Ward, of Brooklyn, a daughter of Rodney and Harriett (Woodruff) Ward.

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**MAX, Lewis,**

**Head of Glass Industry.**

One of the most noteworthy names in business activities in Jersey City, New Jersey, to-day is that of Lewis Max, who stands at the head of one of the most important glass interests in the sale of both American and French products, that of Lewis Max & Sons. Those who know Lewis Max best are most closely familiar with the circumstances of his early life and consider him one of the most remarkable men of his day and generation. Left fatherless as a child of five years, he came to the United States from Russia in his youth, and all that he has achieved has been won step by step and under handicaps which, with the greatness of his heart, he laid upon himself. He has won large success, while at the same time caring for a number of his relatives and bearing the part of a benevolent citizen in various charitable organizations.

Lewis Max was born in Russia, May 15, 1863, and is a son of Harry and Rose Max. His education was sadly neglected so far as school attendance was concerned, for when only a child he was compelled to secure employment as a mason's helper. Possessing a brilliant mind, however, and the practical temperament which applies useful knowledge to the greatest possible advantage, Mr. Max is a man of broad practical education and always intimately informed upon the topics of the day. Coming to America at the age of eighteen years, Mr. Max settled immediately in



*Lewis May*





Harry Max

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Jersey City and entered the employ of his brother, Bernard Max. This business was founded in 1863 by Harry and Bernard Max, and Bernard Max bought out the senior partner in 1875. Lewis Max remained with his brother until the death of the latter, and upon taking over the business, assumed the responsibility of the maintenance of his deceased brother's family. Notwithstanding this burden, Lewis Max went forward to large success, developing a very extensive import business in the distribution of glass, and as methods of manufacture were perfected in the American plants in this industry, he bore a broadly constructive part in the development of a thriving sale for domestic glass. He has now stood at the head of the Lewis Max Plate and Window Glass business for many years, and its prosperity has been a constructive force in the business progress of Hudson county. With headquarters at Nos. 52-56 Greene street, Jersey City, the scope of his interest extends to all parts of the United States. Mr. Max has always employed the most efficient and approved methods in all his business activities, and his dealings in the carrying forward of his own interests are marked with the strictest integrity. He has kept pace with the movement of the times and was among the first to equip his salesmen with automobiles. He has worked hand in hand with the plate glass insurance companies for many years for the betterment of conditions and the promotion of the economic good. Among the many buildings which Mr. Max has glazed may be mentioned: Harry Payne Whitney's home at Roslyn, Long Island; Children's Court building, New York City; the First National Bank of Red Bank, New Jersey; the West Side Trust Company, of Newark, New Jersey; the Botanical Gardens, at Tarrytown, New York; the United States Post Office,

at Biddeford, Maine; the Security Trust building, of Lynn, Massachusetts; Jersey City Hospital; First National Bank building, of Jersey City; Trust Company building, Jersey City; public buildings in North Carolina and other Southern States; moving picture production studios at various points; hospitals; schools; railway stations; and every type of important building in many parts of the United States.

Lewis Max has done much for civic improvement in Jersey City, and his property interests have been extensive, indeed he is said to be one of the largest owners of property individually in Jersey City. For many years his son, Harry Max, has been associated with him in his various interests, and now largely handles the affairs of the above business. A recent deal in real estate concluded by Lewis Max was the purchase of a fine old Colonial mansion located at No. 44 Gifford avenue, this site being between Bergen avenue and the Hudson boulevard, in a beautiful residential section. This building will be remodeled by Mr. Max for his own residence, and the fact that he paid about \$42,000 for the property as it stands gives a clear idea of the magnificent scale upon which this remodeling will unquestionably be done. This will be one of the finest residential structures in Jersey City.

Lewis Max married, January 2, 1887, Mashie Smith, of New York City, and their children are: 1. Harry, a sketch of whom follows. 2. Rae, born June 1, 1889. 3. R. Robert, born March 3, 1892. 4. Minnie, born August 2, 1903.

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### MAX, Harry,

#### Business Man.

Harry Max, as one of the foremost figures in the commercial handling of foreign and domestic glass, holds a promi-

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nent position in the business world of Jersey City, New Jersey. As a member of prominent fraternities, and a leader in various other business enterprises, he is equally well and favorably known.

Harry Max was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, January 2, 1888, and is a son of Lewis and Mashie (Smith) Max (see preceding sketch). Receiving his early education at Grammar School No. 22, of Jersey City, of which he is a graduate, Harry Max later attended high school, and following the completion of his high school course, entered Drake's Business College, from which he was graduated in due time. He then became identified with real estate business in association with the Jersey City Real Estate Company, and was active thus for one year. Then identifying himself with his father in the plate glass business, and taking especial interest in his father's extensive operations in the real estate field, Mr. Max has gone forward along both these lines of activity with large and ever-increasing success. The history of the firm of Lewis Max & Sons, glass contractors, is one of interest and importance, and this concern is the outgrowth of the Lewis Max Plate and Window Glass business, the history of which is outlined in the biography of its founder in a preceding column. Harry Max has given to his father's real estate interests, which in recent years are equally his own, the constructive ability which would win success in any field. He stands among the leaders in real estate advance as president of the Own Your Home Building Association, and is identified with the world of finance as a director of the Bergen National Bank, and vice-president of the Bergen Savings Bank. It is said that Lewis and Harry Max have bought and sold more real estate than any other individuals in Jersey City. In public affairs Harry Max bears a constructive

and progressive part, having served as treasurer of the Ed. I. Edwards Victory League on both the Edwards campaigns for governor and senator. He is broadly interested in the benevolences of his race; is a director of the Hebrew Orphans' Home, and the Young Men's Hebrew Association. A member of the Jersey City Chamber of Commerce, Harry Max is identified with the various bodies of the Masonic order, including the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, also with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and his chief leisure interests are baseball and golf.

Mr. Max married, at Jersey City, September 22, 1912, Eleanor Schulman, who was born in Brooklyn, and is a daughter of Samuel and Sarah Schulman. Mr. and Mrs. Max are the parents of three children: 1. Ruth Lois, born June 17, 1915. 2. Doris Rhoda, born March 30, 1918. 3. Jane Zelda, born May 21, 1922.

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### MAX, David,

#### Business Man.

Filling a broadly useful place in a special line of mercantile activity David Max stands among the really progressive and public-spirited men of the day in Hudson county, New Jersey, as the head of an independent interest in the field of glass contracting. Making a specialty of store fronts, he is handling large interests and meeting a very practical need in an artistic and thoroughly workmanlike manner. Mr. Max is a native of Jersey City, and a son of Bernard Max, who came to America from Russia, the place of his birth, as a young man. He remained for a time in New York City, but not long after landing came to Jersey City, where he engaged in the glass business along similar lines to those now followed by his son. Bernard Max died at a comparatively



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early age, but not until he had established this business and placed it on a sound and permanent basis. He was forty years old at the time of his death, and his passing was widely mourned. He married Rose Marks, who was also born in Russia, but still survives him, being now sixty-eight years of age and a resident of Jersey City. Their children number five, and all are still living, as follows: Reuben, in this concern; Lewis Max, second, in the glass business in Atlantic City; David, of further mention; Amelia, wife of George Levy; and Irving, active in the real estate business in Jersey City.

David Max was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, July 2, 1888. His education was begun in the local public schools, and he is a graduate of Grammar School No. 22, also a graduate of Drake's Business College of Jersey City. At the age of seventeen years Mr. Max entered the glass business, then conducted by his father at No. 60 Montgomery street. He gained a thoroughly practical knowledge of the business in all its branches, and upon his father's death in February, 1898, he took over the interest as the head of the concern. For the past ten years he has been sole proprietor and has carried the enterprise to wide and eminent usefulness. Mr. Max is an influential citizen of Jersey City, a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and fraternally is affiliated with the Free and Accepted Masons, the various bodies of the Scottish Rite, also the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. His chief leisure interest is baseball. He holds the Hebrew faith in his religious convictions, and bears a part in all the benevolent and progressive activities of local Jewish circles.

Mr. Max married, in New York City, March 9, 1916, Jeanette Ellis, who was born in Hackensack, New Jersey, and is a daughter of Julius A. and Anna Ellis. Mr.

and Mrs. Max are the parents of two children: Bernice, born April 16, 1918; and Janice, born April 10, 1923.

### DRAESEL, William Albert, M. D.,

#### Physician.

For more than a quarter of a century Dr. William A. Draesel has been engaged in medical practice in West Hoboken, New Jersey, where for many years he has been recognized as one of the leading men of his profession. He has won the deep regard and high esteem of both professional associates and patients, as well as of those who meet him in other connections.

Dr. Draesel is a descendant of a very old Australian family of Teutonic origin, the escutcheon of which appears in Rudolph Johann Helmers' "Wappenbuch," and is described as follows:

*Arms*—Per pale sable and argent, dexter, a double-queued lion rampant or, holding in its paws an ancient lantern, azure; sinister, a double-queued lion rampant sable, holding in its paws an increscent faced or, the two lions face to face.

*Crest*—Out of a ducal coronet a double-queued lion rampant or, holding in its paws an ancient lantern azure.

*Mantling*—Dexter, or and sable; sinister, argent and sable.

(I) Gustav August Draesel, great-grandfather of Dr. Draesel, was born in one of the northern provinces of the Empire of Austria, in 1791. He rendered military service in the Austrian Army and then became a horticulturist and florist. During the political disturbances of Central Europe in 1848-49, however, he incurred the displeasure of the governing authorities and was obliged to flee from his home with his family. After weeks of weary traveling, he reached the little town of Quedlinburg, in Prussian Saxony, where in course of time he again engaged in the business of horticulturist

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and florist, and where he died about 1861, about a year and a half after the death of his wife. He was the father of three children: August; a son whose name is not on record; and William Gustav, of further mention.

(II) William Gustav Draesel, son of Gustav August Draesel, was born in the family home in one of the northern provinces of Austria, September 16, 1834, and in 1848, was taken by his parents to Quedlinburg, where he served an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade. After traveling throughout the states and provinces of Central Germany as a journeyman carpenter, he settled in Bochum, Province of Westphalia, where he entered the Bau-Gewerbe Schule, and where, after receiving his diploma, he engaged in business as a carpenter, and later, as contractor and proprietor of a lumber and wood yard. In 1867 he moved to Dusseldorf, but in 1868 he emigrated with his family to America. After living in New York City for a short time, he removed to Hoboken, Hudson county, New Jersey, but later again removed, this time going to Jersey City, where he engaged in the building and contracting business, and where he established an enviable reputation as a man of straightforward and honest business methods. He remained active to within a year of his death, which occurred in Jersey City, in June, 1910. He married, in Ringenberg, Rhenish Prussia, Germany, in 1862, Fredericke C. Hechtenberg, who was born March 13, 1837, daughter of Wilhelm and Fredericke (Degenhardt) Hechtenberg. Their children were: Gustav William, who was born December 3, 1865, a well-known physician of Hoboken; Charles, (q. v.); Dr. William Albert, of further mention; and Louisa, who resides in Jersey City.

(III) Dr. William Albert Draesel, son of William Gustav and Fredericke C.

(Hechtenberg) Draesel, was born at the family home in the city of Hoboken, Hudson county, New Jersey, April 15, 1875. His elementary educational training was acquired in the public schools of Jersey City, and in Jersey City Grammar School No. 8. Upon graduating from grammar school, having decided to prepare himself for the study of medicine, he entered the employ of his cousin, Julius Koch, a leading pharmacist in Williamsburg, Eastern District of Brooklyn, New York, and for the next three years, applied himself diligently to the task of making himself familiar with the pharmaceutical business. In 1894 he matriculated in the Medical Department of the New York University, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1897, receiving the degree of Doctor of Medicine. During the last year of his studies at the university he also pursued a course of study in the Lying-in Hospital at Seventeenth street and Second avenue, New York City. Soon after leaving his *alma mater*, in 1897, Dr. Draesel opened an office at No. 328 Chambers street, West Hoboken, where he began a successful career in the practice of medicine. In 1902, in order that he might better care for his rapidly increasing clientele, he removed his offices to No. 246 Clinton avenue, where he has since become recognized as one of the leading medical practitioners. He served as town physician for a period of over eight years, and has been medical inspector of the public schools since 1915. Since his settlement in West Hoboken, Dr. Draesel has become identified with a number of professional and fraternal organizations. He is an active member of the North Hudson Medical Association, and is also an active member of Doric Lodge, No. 86, Free and Accepted Masons. He is also a member of Zem Zem Grotto, an auxiliary organiza-



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tion of Masons, in Jersey City; Salaam Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; and Prosperity Council, No. 250, Junior Order United American Mechanics, of which order he is medical inspector.

Dr. William Albert Draesel married, in Hoboken, October 25, 1905, Hermine Caroline Melching, born in Hoboken, August 1, 1884, daughter of August and Hermine (Stechmann) Melching, both natives of the Fatherland. Dr. and Mrs. Draesel had five children: 1. Wilhelmina, born July 31, 1906, and died January 21, 1909. 2. Isolda, born March 24, 1908. 3. William Albert, Jr., born October 23, 1909. 4. Herbert, born January 5, 1912. 5. Stradford Tower, born August 10, 1920.

### HUNTER, David W.,

#### **Manufacturer.**

The Wm. Hunter Machine Company, of Hoboken, New Jersey, designers and builders of special machinery, rock drills, and pumps, was founded by Mr. Hunter's father in 1899 and is at present owned and conducted by David W. Hunter. A native son of New Jersey, Mr. Hunter was born at Hoboken, March 22, 1889, son of William and Effie Hunter. His father, a mechanical engineer of wide experience and high attainments, was born in New York City and moved to Hoboken a few years before Mr. Hunter's birth. Mr. Hunter's mother is a native of Scotland and came to this country with her parents at an early age.

Mr. Hunter received his preliminary education in the public schools of Hoboken. He completed the elementary course and then became a student at Stevens Preparatory School, where he devoted himself to his studies with remarkable fidelity and made something of a record for scholarship. When he was

graduated from Stevens Preparatory School, he associated himself with his father in the Wm. Hunter Machine Company, and this association lasted until his father's interests led him to retire from the company and Mr. Hunter thus became its sole owner. His scholastic education had given him the best possible preparation for his business career, his tastes having led him to elect such branches of study as would give him an acquaintance with the natural sciences and the field of engineering in its broadest sense. Entering the business in 1911, he began to take an active part in the experiments that are continually being carried on by the company in the interests of science and mechanical progress. He rose rapidly, being promoted from one position to another of greater importance as he acquired a knowledge of each phase of the work, and finally, when his father decided to withdraw from the company, he was able to assume full control of it and has continued to manage it with complete success ever since. The business is widely known in the engineering world, and has established a reputation not only for the excellence of its products and their mechanical perfection, but also for the inventions and improvements which the company has succeeded in perfecting and which have done much to advance the cause of progress in this field. At the present time, the company's offices are at Nos. 1118-1120 Clinton street, and at Nos. 1117-1121 Grand street, Hoboken. The plants are models of industrial efficiency, and every improvement designed to increase the productivity of the factory and to enable the workers to carry on their work with greater comfort and less fatigue has been installed in the effort to maintain ideal conditions, and these facts have played no small part in the success of the business, since so often



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a careless or dissatisfied worker has it in his power to injure the reputation of the company for which he works. The very foundation of architecture, which is now attaining such magnificent proportions in this country that the eyes of the whole world are turned towards American builders and buildings in admiration, rest upon the perfection and use of such tools as those manufactured by the Wm. Hunter Machine Company, and its continuing success is not only an indication of the business courage and foresight of its directors, but also of the progress made by American cities and national life during the last quarter of a century.

Mr. Hunter was, for eight years, a member of the United States Naval Reserve. The strength and efficiency of our navy has always been a matter of pride to him, and he takes the greatest interest in every detail of the service. Few services in the world, to his way of thinking, offer greater attractions to American boys and young men, and he is never tired of pointing out the advantages of health, physical training, travel, and education which the navy affords, alike to the officer, who is graduated from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis and to the common sailor. He has watched with pleasure the growing interest of Americans in the merchant marine which the public-spirited and far-sighted men of our country are trying to build up, and is a firm believer in the principle of having American ships to carry American goods and to restore the stars and stripes to a position of supremacy upon the seas, such as that enjoyed by our famous clipper ships in the days of "Glory of the Seas" and "The Rainbow."

In politics Mr. Hunter is a staunch Republican, and has consistently supported the candidates and principles of that party. He is a Mason of long standing,

and belongs to the Euclid Lodge, No. 136, Free and Accepted Masons; the Zem Zem Grotto; and the Masonic Club. In religious faith he follows his mother's belief, and is a member of the Presbyterian Church, of which he is a vigorous and self-sacrificing member.

In March, 1915, Mr. Hunter married, at Brooklyn, New York, Constance Anderson, daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth (Pauleson) Anderson. Mrs. Hunter was born at Elizabeth, New Jersey, whither her parents, who are both natives of Brooklyn, moved shortly after their marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter have three children: 1. Elizabeth, who was born at Brooklyn, in September, 1918. 2. William, who was born at West Hoboken, in September, 1919. 3. Effie, who was born at West Hoboken, in 1921.

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### SMITH, Ewald J. J.,

Lawyer.

Ewald J. J. Smith, one of the most prominent of the younger legal practitioners of Jersey City, was born at Jersey City, New Jersey, on October 12, 1897, a son of Peter P. and Elizabeth (Ewald) Smith, both of whom are now deceased. The father, Peter P. Smith, was for many years a well known business man of Jersey City. He was long identified with the Thomas Smith & Sons Company, structural iron, in the capacity of secretary. The business is now known as the Vulcan Iron Works.

Ewald J. J. Smith acquired his early education in the public schools of his birthplace, following which he attended, successively, St. Dominic's Academy, St. Peter's Preparatory School, and the Stevens School, of Hoboken, New Jersey. He then matriculated at Cornell University, entering the Law College, and was graduated from that time-honored insti-



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tution with the class of 1922, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Laws. While at Cornell Mr. Smith was active in undergraduate life, being managing editor of the "Cornell Daily Sun," and president of the Eastern Intercollegiate Newspaper Association—achievements of the highest order. Upon the completion of his collegiate work, Mr. Smith supplemented his knowledge of law by special study under the expert tutelage of former Judge Mark A. Sullivan and corporation counsel Thomas J. Brogan. He was admitted to the bar of the State of New Jersey in November, 1922, at which time he became associated with the well known and reputable firm of Fisk & Fisk, of Jersey City, and continued in this connection until January 1, 1924.

At this time Mr. Smith formed a law partnership with another rising young lawyer, F. Walter Brannagan, (q. v.) and together they established what bids fair to be a very successful general law practice, with offices located at No. 15 Exchange Place, Jersey City. Both men are innately, and by special preparation, exceptionally well equipped eventually to take their place among the foremost of the members of city's legal fraternity. Mr. Smith and Mr. Brannagan are endowed with keen, analytical minds and with forensic ability, and in forming the firm of Brannagan & Smith, of Jersey City, each has acted wisely in his choice of a law partner, and both have decided well in choosing such a thriving community as the scene of future activities.

Both members of the firm served in the United States Navy during the late World War, Mr. Smith serving until he received his honorable discharge on December 21, 1919. During his undergraduate days, Mr. Smith was honored by election to Delta Tau Delta, one of the foremost of the national Greek-letter fra-

ternities, and to Phi Delta Phi and Sigma Delta Chi, professional fraternities; and in these organizations he still maintains his interest. He also holds membership in the University Club of Jersey City. His religious affiliation is with Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, of Jersey City.

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### KOVEN, Gustav H.,

#### **Business Man.**

The career of Gustav H. Koven, of Jersey City, New Jersey, has followed broadly practical lines and in his long experience as an executive of a leading Jersey City industrial interest, he bears a worthy and useful part in the progress of his day. Mr. Koven is a son of Wilhelm and Antoinette (Althof) Koven, both now deceased, the father throughout his lifetime engaged in the book binding business.

Gustav H. Koven was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, May 28, 1872. His education was received in the public schools of his birthplace and in 1890 he became definitely identified with the business world in the employ of Hope, Koven & Company, manufacturers of galvanized iron range boilers and sheet metal specialties of many kinds. Active as an employe for a number of years, Mr. Koven was made works manager upon the reorganization of the concern under the title of L. O. Koven & Brothers, this change occurred in January, 1897. He filled this responsible position until May 17, 1923, then was made general manager of the company. On January 1, 1924, the incorporation was effected and the title is L. O. Koven & Brothers, Inc., Mr. Koven being president and general manager, while L. O. Koven, Jr., fills the offices of vice-president and treasurer.

In other lines of present day advance Mr. Koven holds responsible official positions, being manager of the Hoboken

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Bank for Savings, a director of the Employers' Association of Hudson County, also a director of the Employers' & Managers' Association of Hudson County. He is vice-president and director of the Jersey City Chamber of Commerce, is a member of the Hoboken Chamber of Commerce and is president of the International Overseas Corporation, of New York City. A Republican by political convictions but never an office seeker, Mr. Koven served as chairman of the Liberty and Victory Loan drives during the World War, in Jersey City. He is a well known figure in club circles, holding membership in the Kiwanis Club of Jersey City, the Carteret Club, is a director of the Rockaway River Country Club, also a director of the Jersey City Young Men's Christian Association, and serves as president of the Hudson City branch of the Young Men's Christian Association. Mr. Koven is a member of the Council of the Saint Trinitatis Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Gustav H. Koven married, in Jersey City, New Jersey, February 18, 1901, Henrietta Lutjen, daughter of John and Helen (Brumeloh) Lutjen; her father now deceased, but during his active lifetime was engaged in the retail shoe business; the mother resides with her daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Koven are the parents of two sons: Theodore G., born May 18, 1906, a sophomore at Stevens Institute of Technology; and Gustav H., Jr., born May 6, 1910, a student at the Hoboken Academy.

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### **KELSEY, Clarence,**

**Lawyer.**

Clarence Kelsey, to-day one of the prominent lawyers of Jersey City, New Jersey, has won success in his profession by the steady application of those three prime business prerequisites—ability,

integrity, and honesty. Mr. Kelsey is a descendant on both the paternal and maternal sides of the earliest pioneers in this country. His father's mother was a Jeffery, a representative of one of the very oldest families of Monmouth County, New Jersey. A paternal ancestor, the progenitor of the American branch of the family, was William Kelsey, who came from England in the year 1630 and was one of the founders of Cambridge, Massachusetts, and of Hartford, Connecticut, in 1636, under the leadership of the historically famous Thomas Hooker. Subsequently, William Kelsey helped in establishing the town of Killingworth (now Clinton), Connecticut, settling there in 1663.

Clarence Kelsey was born at Clarence, Missouri, on October 27, 1869, a son of Edward Payson and Martha (Toland) Kelsey, both of whom were natives of Battle Creek, Michigan. The father, Captain Edward Payson Kelsey, was in command of the Merrill Horse Guards of Michigan during the Civil War. The parents of Clarence Kelsey removed to Jersey City, New Jersey, in 1872, when their son was but three years of age, and here in the local public and high schools was his education acquired. Upon the completion of his scholastic work he spent four years of study and employment under various Jersey City surveyors, and then received the appointment to a clerkship by Edward F. C. Young, Abraham Q. Garretson and William Muirheid, the Commissioner of Adjustment of Taxes for Jersey City under the Martin Act, and served in that capacity under Lucien D. Fowler, city engineer, for three years. Mr. Kelsey resigned from this position in order to enter the employ of Swift & Company, leaving that concern in turn to accept a position with the John W. Butler Paper Company, of Chicago, Illinois. But about this time Mr. Kelsey deter-



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mined to become a lawyer, and to this end he devoted himself to the study of law with such good effect that in 1894 he was admitted to the bar of the State of South Dakota. In November, 1895, he took further bar examinations and was given license to practice as an attorney-at-law of New Jersey, and in June, 1906, as a counselor. Since returning to Jersey City Mr. Kelsey has established a law practice and built up a large clientage. His proved efficiency and integrity have elicited the respect and esteem of the community, and have given him the prestige which he enjoys to-day. His offices are located in the First National Bank Building of Jersey City.

Fraternally Mr. Kelsey is an active member of Lafayette Lodge, No. 79, Knights of Pythias. He also holds membership in the Board of Trade of Jersey City.

Clarence Kelsey was married, in New Jersey, on October 31, 1901, to Saida C. Budd, a daughter of Gilbert and Lauretta (Howell) Budd, of Chester, Morris county, New Jersey.

### RECKSIEK, Charles,

#### Business Man.

Among the business men of Hudson County who have won success in the land of their adoption is Charles Recksiek, president of "The Washington Press," who left his native country, with his parents, in childhood, and settled in Hoboken.

August Recksiek, father of Mr. Recksiek, was born in Germany, but came to this country during his early manhood and settled in Hoboken, where he died in 1922. He was associated with the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad for thirty-nine years, and won the confidence and esteem both of his business associates and of his many friends in Hobo-

ken. He married Helen Koarte, a native of Germany, who is now (1923) living in Hoboken, and among their children is Charles, of further mention.

Charles Recksiek, son of August and Helen (Koarte) Recksiek, was born in Germany, December 23, 1876. He received his education in the public schools of Hoboken, and then, having decided to learn the printing business, became associated with W. N. Jennings, a printer of New York City, with whom he remained for seven years. He then secured a position with Harper Brothers, of New York City, and after five years of valuable experience in that connection, associated himself with M. B. Brown, with whom he remained for twelve years. In 1911, after twenty-five years of varied experience as a printer in New York City, he decided to engage in business for himself, and opened a shop of his own on Third street, in Hoboken. He knew the printing business thoroughly, and patrons soon began to recognize the fact that Mr. Recksiek turned out work of superior quality. The business steadily grew, and when larger quarters became necessary, in 1913, the enterprise was removed to Nos. 202-204 Second street, where "The Washington Press" continues to serve a large and steadily growing patronage. The concern does printing of every description and has made an enviable reputation for the superior quality of its best grade of work. Politically Mr. Recksiek casts his vote independently. He has always taken an active interest in local public affairs and at one time served as member of the board of committeemen. For three years he served as member of the 4th Regiment, National Guard of New Jersey. He was for a time a member of Loyal Order of Moose, of Hoboken; and his religious affiliation is with the Dutch Reformed Church, of Hoboken.

Charles Recksiek married (first), at



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Hoboken, New Jersey, in April, 1896, Mabel Snow, daughter of John B., who was long associated with the American Steamship Line, and Jessie (Baker) Snow, both deceased. She died in 1915, and Mr. Recksiek married (second), at Hoboken, January 29, 1916, Elsie Sammer, daughter of Peter W., deceased, formerly engaged in the ink business with Robert Mayer, and Charlotte Sammer, who is living in Hoboken. Children of the first marriage are: Jessie; Florence, who married Frank Hyde, of Keyport, New Jersey; and Ella A. To the second marriage one son was born, Howard Charles.

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### SCHWARTZ, Harry,

**Lawyer.**

Harry Schwartz, the son of Israel Schwartz and Eva Schwartz (*née* Selinger), was born February 19, 1892. His parents settled in Jersey City more than a quarter of a century ago. He acquired his formal education in the public schools of Jersey City, graduating from School No. 2, in 1907, and from the Dwight School, New York City, in 1911. Very early in his school career he began to plan for his legal training. In 1916 he received the degree of Bachelor of Law from the New Jersey Law School, and pursued a post-graduate course during the following year. In November, 1919, he was admitted to the New Jersey bar as an attorney-at-law, and in June, 1923, as a counselor-at-law. He served his clerkship in the law offices of Weller & Lichtenstein, of Hoboken, and on June 1, 1922, was admitted to partnership in the firm which now bears the name of Lichtenstein & Lichtenstein. As a lawyer Mr. Schwartz is very successful, and is held in great esteem by his contemporaries, meeting the needs of a large practice. As a citizen he has become a potent influence

in the conduct of public affairs of Hoboken, and has contributed to many causes of progress and good citizenship. He is a member of the Hoboken Chamber of Commerce, the Hudson County Bar Association, the New Jersey Law School Alumni Association, Knights of Pythias, and Jersey City Lodge, No. 157, Independent Order B'nai Abraham. During the World War he served in the United States Navy.

On March 22, 1922, at New York City, Mr. Schwartz married Ruth Ingleson, daughter of Samuel Ingleson. Mrs. Schwartz was born at Bayonne, New Jersey, December 13, 1899. Their daughter, Shirley Thelma, was born at Jersey City, New Jersey, February 9, 1923.

Mr. Schwartz is a brother of Mrs. Abraham Winoker (*née* Mollie Ruth), Mrs. Harry L. Bernstein (*née* Fannie), Louis Schwartz, M. D., and Max M. Schwartz, D. D. S., all of Jersey City.

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### WINBERRY, Eugene Lawrence,

**Business Man.**

The wide-reaching activities of Eugene Lawrence Winberry, of Jersey City, New Jersey, center at the foot of Sixth street, where are the stock yards of which his father was one of the pioneer butchers, and which form a broadly useful enterprise. Mr. Winberry was identified with the organization from the completion of his education until the dissolution of business in 1917, when he entered the live stock business.

Eugene Lawrence Winberry is a son of John J. Winberry, who was born in Tipperary, Ireland, and came to the United States at the age of fifteen years with his family, locating at once in New York City, soon after, however, settling permanently in Hoboken. He entered the employ of a wholesale butcher at Hoboken, and after gaining some business ex-

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perience; he established, about the year 1852, at the age of twenty-one years, the firm of J. J. Winberry, wholesale butchers. Beginning in a small way in the sale of live stock, he developed a very extensive and important business and with the growth of the city and the enormous development of the metropolitan district, he became one of the important figures in his field in the East and continued at the head of the enterprise until his death, which occurred May 12, 1898. John J. Winberry married Honorah C. Sullivan, who was born in Albany, New York, and died May 6, 1914. They were the parents of eight children, five of whom survive: John J.; Paul J.; Mary, wife of Nikolas Walther-ton; Eugene L., of further mention; and Thomas F.

Eugene Lawrence Winberry was born at Hoboken, New Jersey, February 10, 1876. His education was acquired in the public and parochial schools of Hoboken, and at the age of fifteen years he became associated with his father in the firm of John J. Winberry. Early gaining a thorough familiarity with the business, he was given responsibility when still a youth and with this preparation for his future, Mr. Winberry was enabled, upon the death of his father, to take over the business as active manager. Only a little more than twenty-two years of age when he took his position at the head of this interest, Mr. Winberry developed remarkable genius for this special line of business activity, and the growth of the enterprise continued under his hand. During the subsequent years, now a full quarter of a century, Mr. Winberry has carried the business forward to increasing success and holds a foremost position in his field. In 1917 the concern of John J. Winberry was closed out and Mr. E. L. Winberry became associated as a partner of the firm of S. Judd & Company, an

important live stock concern of Jersey City, handling all its business through the Union Trust Company, later becoming the sole owner. Mr. Winberry takes a public-spirited interest in the advance and welfare of the community, but follows few lines of activity outside of his business. Fraternally he is a member of the Knight of Columbus, and Rutherford Lodge, No. 547, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and his recreative interests are football, baseball and other outdoor sports. He is a member of St. Mary's Church, of Rutherford, New Jersey, where he resides. During the World War he captained a team on all the Liberty Bond drives throughout Bergen County, and also served the Red Cross and the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Winberry married, on June 21, 1904, in Hoboken, New Jersey, Mary V. McKeon, who was born in New York City, and is a daughter of Nickolas and Rose Ann (McCudden) McKeon. Mr. and Mrs. Winberry are the parents of seven children: Rita M., John J., Eugene L., Jr., Lawrence, Raymond, Joseph and Marie.

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### REILLY, Richard Joseph,

#### **Railroad Employee.**

A native son of the Keystone State, Richard J. Reilly, at age of seventeen entered the service of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, but his promotions did not bring him to New Jersey until 1910, and to Jersey City in 1911, where he yet continues as general agent of the Grand street station of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, he having been in the continuous service of that company since April 2, 1902, until the present January 8, 1924. He is highly regarded as a railroad man and has a host of warm friends, won by his consideration and unflinching cour-



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tesy. He is a son of James A. and Bridget A. (Farrell) Reilly, who at the time of the birth of their son, Richard, were residing in Kellyburg, Pennsylvania.

James A. Reilly was for a number of years foreman for the Kingston Coal Company, of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, but is now deceased. He married Bridget A. Farrell, who survives him, and they were the parents of Richard J., of this review.

Richard J. Reilly was born in Kellyburg, Pennsylvania, August 29, 1885, and there began his education in the public schools. Later he attended grade and high school in Lopez, Pennsylvania, finishing his studies with a commercial course at Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, completing that course with graduation. He began business life as an employe of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company on April 2, 1902, as assistant agent in the transportation department at Lopez, Pennsylvania, and there remained until 1905, when he was transferred to Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, as an accountant. Five years were spent with the Lehigh Valley in that capacity and then in October, 1911, he was again transferred, this time to Newark, New Jersey, as chief clerk of the transportation department. On November 11, 1911, he was appointed chief clerk at the Grand street station of the Lehigh Valley in Jersey City. He was appointed agent at that station October 10, 1917, and on October 1, 1919, was appointed general agent at Jersey City, a position he is yet filling. He is interested in Reilly & Hogan, Incorporated, of New York, and in the State Theatre, of Jersey City, as a stockholder only.

During the period of war with Germany, Mr. Reilly was an operator in the Secret Service for about twenty-six months, was chairman of the Liberty and

Victory Loan drives in Jersey City and New York, also was in charge of all bonds distributed among the Lehigh Valley employes. He is a member of Jersey City Lodge, No. 211, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Knights of Columbus; the International Kiwanis Club; director and treasurer of the Jersey City Traffic Club; member of various committees of the Local Freight Agents' Association of New York, and in religious fellowship is a member of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church.

Richard J. Reilly married, at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, Rose Celestine McDonald, daughter of John and Mary (Dowd) McDonald; her father superintendent of the Springbrook Water Company, of Wilkes-Barre, and is still active; her mother deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Reilly are the parents of two children: Richard Joseph, Jr., and Dorothy. The family home is at No. 232 Wegman parkway, Jersey City, New Jersey.

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### STILZ, Joseph,

Realtor.

One of the well known realtors of West New York, New Jersey, is Joseph Stilz, who, in addition to his activities in the buying and selling of real property, is also engaged in general insurance and in building and developing enterprises.

Edward Peter Stilz, father of Joseph Stilz, was born in Germany, August 5, 1847. He came to this country as a young boy and went first to Texas, where, as a cowboy, he found the freedom and the life of adventure which his boyish imagination had pictured as being most desirable. In 1879 he left Texas and removed to Hudson county, New Jersey, where more than forty years ago he established himself in the florist supply and decorating business. He built up a most



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prosperous enterprise and continued in that line of business activity to the time of his death, which occurred September 1, 1908, at the age of sixty-one years. He was widely known and highly esteemed among his many friends, and left a business enterprise which is still growing and prospering. He married Elizabeth Oherst, who is now a resident of West New York and they were the parents of two children: A son, who died in infancy; and Joseph, of further mention.

Joseph Stilz, son of Edward Peter and Elizabeth (Oherst) Stilz, was born in Paterson, New Jersey, February 4, 1878, and received his education in the public schools of Hudson county, graduating from Union Hill High School in 1895. Upon the completion of his high school course he became associated with his father in the florist supply and decorating business, and that connection he maintained to the time of the death of his father, in 1908. Since that time he has been engaged in the real estate and insurance business and has been largely interested in building and real estate development enterprises. He is an expert in the valuation of real estate. Mr. Stilz is a member of the board of directors and also appraiser of the Weehawken Trust Company, and in addition to the varied responsibilities already mentioned finds time for local public service. From January 1, 1908, to March 1, 1914, he served most efficiently as town treasurer; from April 1, 1910, to February 1, 1917, he was one of the active, interested members of the Board of Education, serving as president of the board during the last four years of his term; and from January 1, 1918, to January 1, 1922, he discharged with notable efficiency the duties of the chief executive office of the city, that of mayor of West New York. During the World War he served as chairman of the

committee in charge of the second, third, fourth and fifth Liberty Loan drives; as chairman of the roll-call membership Red Cross drives, 1917 and 1918; was chairman of the committee of the local Council of Defense; and was active in all the other local war activities of the time. He has always been deeply interested in local politics. He is a vigorous and energetic man, who, throughout the early years of his career, was active in baseball, football, automobilng and boating, and his interest in these recreations he still retains. Fraternally he is a member of Union Hill Lodge, No. 1367, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and he is a member of the Empire Club.

On August 31, 1915, in Jersey City, New Jersey, Joseph Stilz married Agatha C. Grimm, daughter of Charles Grimm, who is now a resident of West New York, and of Catherine (Quattlander) Grimm, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Stilz are the parents of two children: Agatha Elizabeth, who was born July 29, 1916; and Catherine Anita, who was born September 18, 1917.

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### SPIRO, Jacob Steven,

**Lawyer.**

Among the younger men who are winning distinction in the profession of the law, Jacob Steven Spiro is a noteworthy figure, having offices both in New York City, and Jersey City, New Jersey, and is already counted among the successful young men in this profession. He is a veteran of the World War, although his work kept him on this side of the Atlantic during the entire period of that struggle. Mr. Spiro is a son of Samuel Spiro, who was born in Vienna, Austria, and came to America many years ago, bringing his young wife with him. He became active in the poultry business in

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a large way and was very successful, following this line of activity until his death, which occurred November 17, 1908, at the age of fifty-two years. The mother, Celia Spiro, was also born in Vienna, Austria, and died February 18, 1919, at the age of fifty-eight years. They were the parents of seven children: Lena, Herman J., Rose, Sarah, David, Antoinette, deceased; and Jacob Steven, of whom further.

Jacob Steven Spiro was born in New York City, March 24, 1894. He is a graduate of Public School No. 188, of New York City, class of 1908, and is also a graduate of Stuyvesant High School, class of 1912. His choice of a profession early made, Mr. Spiro then entered the New York Law School, and was graduated in the class of 1917. His enlistment in the United States Army interrupted his career at the outset and he was assigned to the office of Judge Crowders, judge advocate of the United States Army, then later, in 1918, was transferred to a training camp at Syracuse, New York, and also served with the 4th Aviation Detachment at Buffalo, New York, being mustered out of the service in February, 1919.

Meanwhile, in 1918, Mr. Spiro was admitted to the New York bar, and upon his return to civilian life, entered upon the practice of his profession, with offices at No. 1 Union Square, New York City. Admitted to the bar of New Jersey in 1921, he opened offices at Suite No. 515, First National Bank Building, in Jersey City, and still continues both these offices. Since attaining his majority, Mr. Spiro has been interested in public affairs. In 1916 he was active in the campaign of William Rosenberg for alderman in New York City, and while never thus far accepting official responsibilities himself, he is looked upon as one of the promising young men of his party. Fraternally he is a member of the Free and Accepted

Masons, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Modern Woodmen of America. He also is a member of the Solons Club.

Mr. Spiro married, at New York City, on July 5, 1921, Edna Naomi Kleinhaus, who was born in Jersey City and is a daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Krieger) Kleinhaus, both natives of Jersey City.

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### EMR, Ladislav,

#### Business Man.

As president of the United States Pearl Button Company, Ladislav Emr is at the head of a manufacturing concern which has been in operation since 1919 and of which he has been executive head from the time of its organization. Mr. Emr has been associated with the manufacture of pearl buttons from childhood, as his father before him was engaged in this line of business activity and owned a business in New York City.

Henry John Emr, father of Mr. Emr, was a native of Bohemia, who established a button business in New York City, which he successfully conducted for many years. He died in Bohemia, in 1909, at the age of forty-nine years, survived by his wife, Katherine Emr, who is now living in Cliffside, New Jersey, aged seventy years. Henry John and Katherine Emr became the parents of twelve children, one of whom died in Bohemia, and another died in America. The ten surviving are: Frank, Thomas, Julia, Peter, who has been in France for the last three years and who won three medals for bravery there during the World War; Anton, Fannie, John, Henry, Mary, and Ladislav, of further mention.

Ladislav Emr, son of Henry John and Katherine Emr, was born in Chateau Slavia, Bohemia, June 19, 1898. His early education was received in the schools of his native district, but when he





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was twelve years of age he came to this country with his parents, who settled in West New York, New Jersey, and in the school of that city, Public School No. 3, he continued his studies for two years. At the end of that time, he learned the art of making pearl buttons in the daytime, but continued his schooling for three years longer by attending the evening school. When he was eighteen years of age he became a stockholder in the Cliffside Pearl Button Manufacturing Company, of Cliffside, New Jersey, and in 1919 he organized the United States Pearl Button Manufacturing Company, Inc., of which he became the first president. He has continued to hold the position of chief executive of that organization to the present time and has guided the activities of the new concern so capably and wisely that it is now numbered among the well-established concerns of Hudson county. Mr. Emr is a most able and intelligent man and is deeply interested in the public welfare. During the World War he served as a member of the Military Police, and in various ways contributed to the advancement of many lines of war work. Fraternally he is a member of the Foresters of America.

Ladislav Emr married, at Cliffside, New Jersey, February 19, 1915, Marie Emma Mahlovsky, who was born in Bohemia. Her father was killed in a coal mine and her mother is now living in West New York. Mr. and Mrs. Emr are the parents of two children: Richard Robert, who was born October 25, 1917; and Harriet Angelina, who was born August 23, 1921.

### **FAGAN, John Joseph,**

**Architect, Financier.**

The vocational versatility of John Joseph Fagan is evidenced by his pronounced ability in, and complete famil-

ilarity with, such diversified fields of endeavor as industry, finance, and architecture, in each of which he has been successful. John Joseph Fagan was born June 8, 1882, at Hoboken, New Jersey, a son of Lawrence and Hannah (McHale) Fagan, respected residents of Hoboken. The father, Lawrence Fagan, was the founder of the Fagan Iron Works, and as such has carried on the venture with increasing success for a number of years, contributing not inconsiderably to the industrial growth and progress of his native city.

John Joseph Fagan received his early education in the public schools of Hoboken, New Jersey, following which he entered and was graduated from the Stevens Preparatory School. He then matriculated at the Stevens Institute of Technology. Upon the completion of his scholastic and collegiate work, Mr. Fagan entered the employ of his father in the latter's iron manufactory, remaining there and gaining a thorough knowledge of the business in all its departments from 1902 to 1914. In 1914 he temporarily severed his connection with the Fagan Iron Works in order to engage in the practice of architecture. For a period of four years, until 1918, he was prominent in architectural circles. During the latter year, 1918, he again associated himself with the Fagan Iron Works, and by steady application and ability has advanced himself in increasingly important executive positions, and at the present time (1924) is still connected with this long established and well-known industry. In the world of finance, Mr. Fagan is identified by the directorship he holds with the Trust Company of New Jersey, and the Colonial Life Insurance Company.

Fraternally, Mr. Fagan is an active member of Hoboken Lodge, No. 74,

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Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He also holds membership in the Engineers' Club and the National Democratic Club, both of New York City, and in the Union League Club, and the Carteret Club, both of Jersey City. His religious affiliation is given to the Catholic church.

John Joseph Fagan was married on February 8, 1910, at Hoboken, New Jersey, to Elizabeth Augusta Heitemeyer, a

daughter of Clemens and Mathilda (Wegener) Heitemeyer. John Joseph and Elizabeth Augusta (Heitemeyer) Fagan are the parents of two children: 1. Helen Elizabeth, born May 29, 1911. 2. Elizabeth Heitemeyer, born June 30, 1920. Mr. and Mrs. Fagan give their support to all worthy philanthropic, charitable, and public welfare movements, and are active in the social circles of their community.





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## ADDENDA

- Brannagan, p. 548, F. Walter Brannagan, who was formerly associated with the firm of Treacy & Milton, together with Ewald J. J. Smith, who was formerly associated with Fisk & Fisk, have formed a law partnership under the firm name of Brannagan & Smith, and are located at No. 15 Exchange Place, Jersey City, New Jersey.
- Ferris, p. 53, John J. Ferris is a charter member of Division No. 6 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and a member of the Chamber of Commerce.
- Schrader, p. 474, Christian C. Schrader was elected executive chairman of the Real Estate Club of New York, and has been admitted as a member of the Chamber of Commerce of Jersey City.
- Scott, p. 236, William Scott, Jr., married, June 6, 1923, Agnes Cathryn Ehrhart, daughter of Louis and Clara Ehrhart, of Jersey City, New Jersey.

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